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OUTLINES.

A bitter attack on Governor Patterson, by Rice Pierce in his argument in behalf of the alleged night riders, at Union City, Tennessee, yesterday, in which he accused the governor of bribery is the distinct sensation of the trial. Judge Jones reprimanded the attorney for his violent denunciation ——Rev. John J. Carmichael, a Methodist minister, in St. Clair county, Michigan, was cruelly murdered by an unknown assassin and his body found in his church near Columbus, partially consumed by the fire in two heating stoves——An unknown negro, who attempted criminal assault upon a white woman at Lexington, S. C., last night is believed to have been caught by a posse and lynched——Reuben Barbee, a citizen of Durham county, accused murderer of Engineer Holt, who was tried and discharged at a preliminary trial was re-arrested yesterday on a presentment from the grand jury—— At a meeting of the executive committee of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, in Charlotte, yesterday, the place for the annual meeting was changed from New York to Richmond.——The House special committee will report on the President's Secret Service message on Friday. It reported that it will be a severe rebuke to him——There is determination in some quarters that the status of the Marine Corps shall be established at this session of Congress ——Thornton Hains was still under cross-examination yesterday which was made very rigid. The judge announced that the evidence must close Saturday——Secretary McKelway, of the child labor union laid before Taft the conditions in the South——Further testimony is taken in the suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company—— The destruction of hearing the re-trial of the Standard Oil case went begging yesterday—The postal savings bank bill was discussed in the Senate yesterday——Roosevelt sends a message to the Senate stating that he had given approval to the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation and had instructed the Attorney General not to reply to the Senate's request for information as to the same ——New York Markets: Money on call easier at 1 3-4 to 2 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 2 1-4, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1-4. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.25, middling gulf 9.50. Flour quiet but steady. Wheat firm No. 2 red 1.07 to 1.08 1-2 elevator. Corn easy, No. 2 65 3-4 elevator. Oats steady, mixed 54 to 54 1-2. Rosin steady. Turpentine firm.

We suppose it would be in keeping with the facts to say Kitchin is our "near" Governor.

It is said the next step in wireless transmission will be the vest pocket telephone.

When all of Virginia goes dry the express companies will make more money on the long distance haul.

It's a wonder that thoughts of those prisoners in Fort San Carlos had not run Castro out of Venezuela long ago.

If this thing of increasing the size of battleships is kept up, after awhile they will have to go out to sea to build them.

The fellows who were after the jobs had to wait the arrival of members of the Legislature. They are generally the first on the grounds.

The Republican Legislators declare the Legislature should adjourn in 30 days. Unadulterated buncombe was that caucus resolution.

For Roosevelt to say that his language was misunderstood is a new tack for him to take. He generally says: "Yes, I said it and I meant it."

Because Taft's brother failed to land the first time is no reason why he should not try again, especially if he waits till March 4th.

When the decision of the Supreme Court in the Standard Oil case was announced there was probably a volcanic eruption of Kennesaw Mountain.

Should the court of last resort decide against Gompers, we wonder if he will continue to talk about preference for going to jail.

Now the legislature is in session look out for lively times over one or two propositions which will be strenuously urged by their backers.

Taft will find the Democrats of the South giving him a cordial welcome, but when it comes to voting the Republican ticket they wont be in the procession.

Those people who are planning to have Taft play a match game of golf with Rockefeller on the latter's arrival in Augusta must be trying to get the President-elect into trouble.

An exchange says that "from now on the chief imports of North Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi will be jugs and jags." Georgia, the home of nearbeer, we suppose, will rely on that for her jags.

WORK ON TERMINALS

Seaboard to Begin Extensive Improvements at Wilmington Early in February.

THE C., C. & O. CONNECTION

Two Large Warehouses, Slip for Large Vessels, Freight Depot and Offices to be Erected—Through Passenger Service.

It was learned yesterday upon what is regarded undoubtedly as the highest local authority that work upon the extensive improvements of the Seaboard Air Line freight terminals in this city will begin early in February and will be rushed to completion as early as possible.

It will be recalled that a few months ago the receivers of the Seaboard authorized an appropriation of $200,000 for terminal improvements at Wilmington and this is the work which will now be undertaken, consisting of the building of two immense storage warehouses in addition to those already here, the opening of a large slip where the largest vessels entering the port may receive and discharge cargo and the erection of suitable freight depot and office buildings. It is expected that bids for this work will be called for in the next ten days or two weeks by Chief Engineer W. L. Sedden, who personally came to Wilmington and looked over the ground, securing certain concessions from the city government as to the use of docks, etc., and that contractors will begin work early in the coming month.

In the light of recent developments, there can be no doubt but that these extensive improvements are solely with a view to the early freight connection with the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad at Bostic, N. C., and that the purpose is to divert a large volume of this traffic to Wilmington. It was remarked at the time the appropriation was made that it was quite unusual for a railroad company in the hands of receivers to make such a large appropriation for terminal improvements, but the gradual unfolding of the plans of the Carolina & Clinchfield as to Wilmington and the identity of the interests behind the two roads as recently disclosed, have proved that the receivers even at that early date were not unmindful of the importance of the C., C. & O. connection at Bostic.

Referring to the outlook for through passenger service over the two roads from Wilmington to Johnson City, Tenn., the Charlotte News of Monday says that if the management of the roads have not actually determined upon this service, the matter is being very seriously considered. Some time ago the News stated that an effort was being made to get through service from Charlotte to Johnson City. Whether this was considered or not, the News does not know, but at any rate, the paper says, the management unofficially are about to announce through passenger service between Johnson City and Wilmington. The C., C. & O. will complete its line from Bostic to Johnson City within a short time and in case the through passenger service is agreed upon, the Seaboard will probably operate a local train between Rutherfordton and Bostic, connecting with the through train for Wilmington and Johnson City at the latter place.

It is now understood that the beginning of work on the Wilmington terminals only awaits an enabling act of the present session of the General Assembly, conferring upon the company certain dockage rights which have already been granted by the Board of Aldermen of the city. The papers have been prepared by Hon. John D. Bellamy, division counsel, and will be submitted through the Chief Counsel, Judge Leigh R. Watts, to the present session of the Assembly.

FELL THROUGH SHAFT.

Accident to Colored Boy at Southern Building Yesterday.

A colored boy named Mitchell, 14 years old, who lives with his sister at Tenth and Princess streets, sustained a broken arm and a painful scalp wound when he fell through the elevator shaft from the first floor to the basement of the Southern Building yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Dr. Joseph Akerman attended the boy and shortly after the accident he was sent to his home.

The boy is not employed in the Southern building and it is believed that he was trying to locate an office, accidentally walking through the elevator shaft, the elevator at that time beinb several flights above him. The fall was some 10 feet to the hard floor below and besides receiving the injuries mentioned, he was badly shaken up.

Notes of Local Port.

The Belgium steamer Iris, Captain Sytor, arrived in port yesterday from Antwerp to receive cargo of rosin from the American Naval Stores Company for foreign markets. The schooner Augustus Welt, Captain Sprouf, was towed up from Southport yesterday to discharge cargo of phosphate rock from Tampa, Fla., to the Swift Fertilizer Works. The vessel is to C. D. Maffitt.

SALE OF JAMAICA GINGER

Its Status as Pharmacopoeia Compound Will be Settled in Case of Drug Clerks Arrested Yesterday by the Police.

Upon the statement of George Silvia, a young white man charged in the police court yesterday with drunkenness, that the source of his intoxication was three bottles of Jamaica ginger purchased from R. R. Bellamy's drug store, the Mayor yesterday caused warrants to be issued and served upon Messrs. Benj. Cottle and Adrian Elvington, clerks in the establishment, charging them with violation of Section 2 of the State prohibition law.

Silvia was fined $5 and costs for being drunk and was re-committed to the guard house as a witness against the drug clerks, who promptly gave bond with their employer, Mr. R. R. Bellamy, as surety for their appearance in the police court today noon when the case will be vigorously prosecuted and just as strenuously resisted, as Mr. Bellamy claims that there is no violation of the law to sell Jamaica ginger and has instructed his clerks to go ahead with its sale as they have heretofore.

Silvia told the Mayor in the police court that he purchased at two different times a bottle of the ginger from one of the clerks and a friend of his purchased another bottle, the three, properly diluted with water, having produced the "jag" with which he was overtaken by Officer Joe Lane at Front and Dock streets about 10 o'clock that night. The law under which the warants were sworn out by Chief Williams, on information and belief, is as follows:

"Sec. 2. That all liquors or mixtures thereof by whatever name called that will produce intoxication shall be construed and held to be intoxicating liquors within the meaning of this act; provided, that medicinal preparations manufactured in accordance with formulas prescribed by the United States Pharmacopoeia and National Formulary which contain no more alcohol than is necessary to extract the medicinal properties of the drugs contained in such preparations and no more alcohol than is necessary to hold the medicinal agents in solution and which are manufactured and sold as medicines and not as beverages, shall not be held or construed to be or to come within the meaning or provisions of this act."

Inquiry among the druggists elicited the information that Jamaica ginger, while strictly a Pharmacopoeia preparation, ordinarily contains from 25 to 95 per cent. of alcohol and the warrants were based on this information, the Mayor holding that the circumstances surrounding the sale of the preparation upon two different occasions within a short time to Silvia fixed the clerk as a person of ordinary intelligence, with the knowledge that the fluid was to be used as a beverage and not as a medicine.

Under a close reading of the law, the defendants will contend that the druggists selling Pharmacopoeia preparations are not required to exercise any discretion as to the purposes for which the compounds are sold; that the law plainly says and the inference is clear that drugs which are not manufactured or put up and sold as a beverage are saleable without question under the law; in other words that any druggist may feel safe in selling any Pharmacopoeia compounds not designed as a beverage; that it is the purpose of their manufacture and sale which governs their eligibility to sale under the Prohibition Law.

The question is a new one and will be carried, if necessary, by Mr. Bellamy to the highest courts of the land. The question with the court today will be what are Pharmacopoeia compounds and expert testimony will likely be introduced. It is said that even grain and wood alcohol and absinthe, the worst form of liquor, are included in the Pharmacopoeia and are, therefore, saleable under the law. The whole question may finally go up to the present session of the Legislature so that the exact status may be defined.

Ask Damages of Railroad.

A civil action for damages to the amount of $50 was instituted in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday by J. S. Jordan against the Atlantic Coast Line and is set for trial this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The plaintiff claims that through negligence of the company's employers an engine was backed into his mule and cart, causing damage to the amount mentioned. The collision is alleged to have occurred last September. Walter P. Gafford, Esq., is counsel for the plaintiff.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Crystal Palace—Big Change.
W. B. Cooper—New Business.
Dr. Fluno—Christian Science Lecture.
Murchison National Bank—Accounts.
Jefferson Lodge, K. of P.—Attention Members.
Atlantic Trust and Banking Co.—Make Your.

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LOCAL PORT AFFAIRS

Important Meeting of Board of Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage.

CONFER WITH CAPT. BROWN

Harbor and River Work Discussed With United States Engineer in Charge—Complaints Investigated—Routine Proceedings.

An important regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage was held yesterday, those present having been Chairman James Sprunt, Commisisoners M. C. Guthrie, Richard Dosher, Capt. John W. Harper and Clerk L. Brown McKoy. Aside from the regular routine a number of important matters in connection with the river and harbor improvement of the Cape Fear were considered, the Board having enjoyed the honor of having present Capt. Earl I. Brown, of the United States Corps of Engineers.

Capt. Brown appeared in reference to a complaint which had been made to the Commissioners by Mr. Geo. W. Kidder, that the timber pen and wharf property at Kidder's Mill have been seriously obstructed by the dumpings from the government dredges in their work in the river channel in that vicinity. The matter was discussed at length by Capt. Brown and the Commissioners.

Capt. Brown stated that the Government plant at the foot of Queen street had been seriously endangered several times recently because vessels were anchored too near the yard; he cited an instance of this kind, in which the "Mercur" came very near being crushed by an anchored vessel when it swung with the tide. He suggested that there is now a better place for anchorage below buoy No. 32, where the channel has been deepened and widened. The Harbor Master was questioned about the matter and it appeared that the case referred to, in which the "Mercur" was nearly crushed, was in connection with a vessel which was brought up the river late one Saturday evening and was anchored by the pilot in charge, without the knowledge of the Harbor Master. The Board instructed Captain Williams, the Harbor Master, to take such steps as are necessary to have ships safely anchored in future ,and to have a clear understanding with the pilots and tug boat captains in reference to this matter.

In reference to other river and harbor work, Capt. Brown said:

"The money available does not justify the completion of the anchorage basin in accordance with the original project. I would suggest that we abandon the mooring basin and recommend to Congress that, instead, slips be cut on Point Peter or some other available place for the mooring of ships. The remainder of the Anchorage Basin appropriation now left on hand would dig such slips and would put in retaining walls around them. Point Peter is in the market for sale, as I have been approached several times to buy it for the Government.

"We asked for an appropriation of $500,000 from the Government, and it is necessary that this should be secured. You are at liberty to quote me as saying that the work that has been done and is being done will deteriorate very rapidly unless the appropriation asked for is secured.

"Reeves Point is the dividing line between the 24 feet dredging and the 22 feet dredging. From Reeves Point up we dredge to 24 feet and below Reeves Point we dredge to only 22 feet, the difference being on account of the greater rise of tide in the lower river and on the bar."

The complaint was again made to the Board that flats and scows are allowed to obstruct navigation off the foot of Princess street, and the Harbor Master was urged to look very carefully after this matter and to move promptly from the wharves in question any flats or scows which are not discharging or receiving freight.

The Chairman reported to the Board that he had had a very pleasant interview with the recently appointed Inspector of this Lighthouse District, Commander J. H. Hetherington, who stated that it would be his endeavor while on this station to co-operate with the Board of Commissioners in every way possible.

After a discussion on the subject of river lights, the chairman appointed a committee of three, consisting of Captains J. W. Harper, E. D. Williams and J. W. Craig, to prepare a recommendation for the improvement of the lights and ranges on the Cape Fear river from Wilmington to the bar, to be submitted to Commander Hetherington. The clerk was instructed to request this committee to proceed at once with the preparation of the recommendation desired by the Board, and to ask that they include in their recommendation a whistling buoy for the Cape Fear bar which Commander Hetherington approves of and will endeavor to secure.

In the matter of the decision of Commissioners Guthrie and Dosher regarding pilotage on the schooner

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INVITE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Taft Presidential Club and Chamber of Commerce, Through Committees, Join in Invitation to Former Secretary to Visit Here.

The Taft Presidential Club, formed in Wilmington early in the last campaign by friends and supporters of the former secretary without regard to party affiliation and claiming the distinction of being the first organization of its kind formed in the United States after the nomination of Mr. Taft at Chicago, yesterday secured the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce in joining in an invitation to the President-elect to visit Wilmington in his itinerary of a number of other Southern cities as soon as practicable after his contemplated trip to Panama.

The Taft Presidential Club several days ago appointed a committee composed of its president, Mr. William E. Worth, and Messrs. B. F. Keith, R. W. Herring, Z. W. Whitehead, E. Norfleet and Louis Goodman, to extend an invitation to Mr. Taft to include Wilmington in his itinerary of Southern cities to be visited before his inauguration, and the committee yesterday called upon President Taylor, of the Chamber of Commerce, who very gladly appointed a committee composed of Messrs. Junius Davis, George Rountree, James Sprunt, Henry C. McQueen, Sam Bear and Matt J. Heyer.

The committees will at once get together and formulate a very pressing invitation to Mr. Taft to visit Wilmington and be the guest of the people of the city at some public entertainment to be provided in his honor. The Taft Presidential Club, being the first of its kind organized in the United States, will no doubt appeal very strongly to the President-elect and the committee has strong hope of securing an acceptance of the invitation.

FORGERY CASE DISMISSED.

Evidence Against McLaurin Insufficient to Sustain Charge.

On a warrant charging forgery sworn out on the affidavit of his sister, Thomas McLaurin, colored, was given a preliminary hearing in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday and for lack of evidence the action was dismissed and the defendant discharged.

A large number of witnesses were introduced in the case by parties involved and the trial consumed over three hours, attorneys representing both the prosecutor and defendant. McLaurin was arrested on Christmas eve day and upon agreement of attorneys the action was continued until yesterday. The prosecuting witness, Emma Brown, accused McLaurin of forging her name to insurance policies and thereby obtaining money which she contended was left to her in a policy upon the life of her deceased mother. The defendant produced witnesses who swore he defrayed the burial expenses of his mother and had only about $11 left from the payment of the two policies which aggregated some $65. According to the evidence McLaurin more than equally divided the amount among the heirs of the dead woman, offering Emma Brown an apportioned part, which she refused to take. It was also proved that the Brown woman willingly signed the papers which enabled McLaurin to get the money. This led up to the forgery charge, the woman contending that she was not receiving her part of the insurance. After the evidence had been submitted, the decision of the court was rendered upon agreement of attorneys without argument, dismissing the action.

Marsden Bellamy, Esq., appeared for McLaurin, and J. W. Little, Esq., represented the Brown woman.

TO OPEN A SHELTER HERE.

Friend of the "Down and Out" Will Begin a Work in Wilmington.

The Star recently copied from a Charleston, S. C., paper a notice of the coming to Wilmington of Mr. A. J. Willis, who has successfully conducted a "shelter for the down and out" at Charleston, S. C. Mr. Willis has arrived from Charleston and the following is handed the Star, which is cheerfully given space:

"To the People of Wilmington:

"I have just come from Charleston, S. C., where I was a member of Dr. Sprunt's church. He and others have given me letters as to my character. I am an agent of the American Bible Society and receive a small salary of five dollars a week. I have rented a house, 217 South Front street, and will open there on Friday of this week a shelter for poor down and out people. I will help them to get work. I will try to give religious teaching. I have given letters about my work to Dr. McClure and I refer to him. In helping the poor I will work with the chief of police and city authorities and with the advice of Dr. McClure. If anyone is willing to give money for this work, please send it to Dr. McClure as I do not wish to handle any money. I will have religious services at night and try to help the most needy. This help I will give in connection with my work for the Bible Society. I invite any and all to call at my place on and after Friday when I will open the shelter. A. J. WILLIS.

"I have seen the letters and testimonials of Mr. Willis. They are from the best people and of the highest character A. D. McCLURE."

Seats now selling for "A Knight for a Day." **

ASSEMBLY CONVENES

Biennial Session of North Carolina Legislature Called to Order at Noon Yesterday

WORK OF ORGANIZATION

Democratic Caucus Nominees Chosen. Governor's Message Today—Relief for Earthquake Sufferers. Committees on Rules.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—The North Carolina General Assembly organized today with A. W. Graham, of Granville, speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor Francis D. Winston, presiding in the Senate until the new Lieutenant Governor, Hon. W. C. Newland, is inducted into office as presiding officer on January 12th.

Whitehead Kluttz, of Salisbury, was made president pro tem. for the session. All the other officers in both branches of the Assembly were elected in accordance with the selections made at the Democratic caucus last night. Cobb, of Morganton, was nominated for principal clerk of the House by Morton, of New Hanover. The vote for Speaker in the House was Graham 90, Harshaw 27. Hayes, of Chatham, nominated, and Dowd, of Mecklenburg, both defeated candidates in the Democratic caucus, seconded the nomination of Graham for the speakership. Hayes later introduced the speaker to members when he assumed the chair.

In the Senate Kluttz was nominated by Long, of Iredell, for president pro tem, and J. J. Britt, Republican, was nominated by Starbuck, of Forsyth. The vote was Kluttz, 31, Britt 9.

The Senate passed a resolution preparatory for the inauguration of the Governor and State officers of Tuesday, January 12th, at 1 o'clock.

A joint resolution was offered in the House by Perry, of Vance, extending profound sympathy to the King and Queen, of Italy, and their subjects, and appropriating $5,000 for the relief of the sufferers from the earthquake. This was referred to the committee on finance and must await the appointment of this committee.

The House and Senate passed resolutions notifying Governor Glenn of their readiness to receive his message and a recess was taken until 11 o'clock tomorrow when the Governor will appear before the joint session in person and read the message as he did two years ago. The oath of office was administered to members of the House for organization by Chief Justice Clark and Lieutenant Governor Winston performed this duty in the Senate.

A motion by Morton in the House makes the rules of the last session apply until the committee on rules reports a new code. This committee consists of Dowd, Currie, Doughton, Kitchin, Lee, of Haywood and Harshaw. The committee on rules in the Senate is Bassett, Barringer and Hawkins.

The Senate reassembled at 3 o'clock. A message was received from the House to the effect that organization had been perfected and a special committee was appointed to wait on the Governor along with the Senate Committee, and inform him the Assembly was ready to receive any communication from him. The Senate appointed Senators Manning, Kluttz and Britt to wait on the Governor with the House Committee.

Senator Manning offered a resolution that the Senate and House meet in joint session Tuesday, January 12th, open and publish the returns for the election of Governor and other State officers and that these be inducted into office at 1 o'clock that day. Furthermore, that a joint committee of three Senators and five Representatives be named as a joint committee to provide suitable arrangements and regulations for the inauguration and report the expenditures incurred. The Senate thereafter adjourned to 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Chief Clerk Cobb, of the House, announced the appointments as assistant clerks, Alex. Lassiter, of Bertie; W. A. Bobbitt, of Lenoir; W. N. H. Smith, of Wake; W. S. Page, of Iredell; R. F. Leatherwood, of Jackson; R. L. Huuffman, of Catawba; F. D. Hackett, Jr., of Wilkes, and Lawrence Erwin, of Burke, as messenger.

ENTERTAINED EMPLOYES.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Platt Were Hosts of "Little Store" Folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Platt, at their pretty home, No. 609 Grace street, last night from 9 to 12 o'clock most delightfully entertained in honor of the employes of "The Little Store" Mr. Platt being the senior member of the firm of Platt & Haar, the proprietors. The home was attractively decorated for the occasion and dainty refreshments were served during the evening. Music and other pleasing divertisements were provided for the guests, who voted Mr. and Mrs. Platt most charming entertainers.

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PROTECT THE FISHING INDUSTRY

The United States Fish Commissioner sounds a note of warning to those persons interested in preserving the fishing industry of this country. The most serious condition is the failure of the States to enact and then enforce laws for the protection of this industry. Commissioner Bowers points out the great destruction of certain species and makes an appeal for their preservation, making special reference to shad, sturgeon and striped bass along the Atlantic coast and salmon in the Pacific coast States. In his annual report in which he makes this appeal for protection of the fishing industry he says the effect of protective measures is seen in North Carolina through her legislation on the subject, and he urges similar measures to restore and protect shad in the Delaware and Susquehanna rivers. The Federal Government has established hatcheries for furnishing fish wherewith to stock the rivers and the States should cooperate to the extent of protecting them after they have been put in the rivers. The output of these hatcheries for 1908 was two billion, four hundred million young fish, which were placed in the rivers. The Government as well as the people interested have the right to expect that through State protection this work of the Government in this matter should be made to bear the best results possible. It is needless to continue the expense of annually stocking the rivers with fish if nothing is to be done to protect them. While the Fish Commissioner points to this State as one which has done good work in protecting fish in its waters, our laws on this subject could be improved on and more strictly enforced. If what our State has done has been of such value to this important industry as to attract the attention of the Fish Commissioner our people should strive to improve existing conditions so as to add to the present value of the industry.

THE WAR CLOUD IN THE EAST.

Inevitable war in the Balkans is the announcement which comes from Vienna. The latest news is that the situation is more acute there than ever. It is being urged by some that Austria make a naval demonstration in Turkish waters to awe the Balkan States, and England and Russia are bringing pressure to bear on Turkey and Servia to restrain them from any overt act that would start hostilities.

The mine is prepared and the match is lit. All that is needed to touch the match to the mine and cause the explosion is some act of hostilities by one of the States directly involved. Then the war will begin which will involve Turkey, the Balkan States, Austria and most probably two or three other European powers. This war would have begun some time ago but for the exertions of those western powers which are afraid that they would be drawn into it; but the situation has become so extremely acute that it is feared it has gotten beyond their control. This war would be a fearful one involving, as it would, almost the entire continental Europe. The question is, how long can those Eastern powers be kept from each others' throats? That there will eventually be such war is almost a certainty; its beginning is only a question of time. There would be some consolation in this fact were it possible for it to end in the driving of the Turk out of Europe, but that is not to be expected.

IN THE NIGHT RIDER DISTRICT.

A deplorable condition of affairs exists in the night rider district of Western Tennessee—one which it seems the law is powerless to improve. What is to be the outcome those well acquainted with the conditions cannot tell. One can get some idea of what is the state of affairs from this paragraph in an editorial of the Chattanooga Times:

"Whatever else may be discovered about the night riders of West Tennessee it will never be found that they are tractable or that they will become submissive even under the most severe restraints. Their attempt to assassinate Attorney General Caldwell and their persistent efforts to intimidate witnesses are proof of their determined resentment. It will not be healthy for anyone of the State's witnesses to remain in that section, and the State's attorney will be in jeopardy of his life as long as he remains in their reach. It is a melancholy fact that a great majority of the people of the Reelfoot region will all their lives regard it as a sacred duty to avenge whatever punishment may be meted out to their companions upon their prosecutors. And that fact renders the enforcement of law among them not only difficult but well-nigh impossible. The State, therefore, has a herculean job on its hands in its crusade to tame the Reelfoot lake night riders."

FIRST BLIND TIGER CASE.

The Recorder of the city court of Winston-Salem is determined that there shall be no blind tigers in his bailiwick if severe punishment of those convicted before him of that offense will prevent them. He let it be known in the first case that he meant business and was going to stick his coulter deep. He has delivered his first sentence which was for two years. This will frighten out of the illegal business many a man who contemplated going into it. Knowing nothing of the circumstances of the case we express no opinion as to the justness of the sentence, but only that it shows determination to make those who violate this law really suffer for doing so.

Charlotte has now got six railroads, but she is not satisfied; she wants two more—two other independent lines. The Chronicle says it might be found how the Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk and Western Railroads could be brought to that city. It would be a great thing for Charlotte if it could be done; but the Chronicle loses sight of the fact that, in this part of the country at least, railroads do not generally invade each others' territory.

The South Carolina Legislature meets next Tuesday. Some very important public measures will come before the body; but it is predicted that it will be a short session as the pay of members now is two hundred dollars for the sess on instead of four dollars a day for forty days as it has been heretofore. Such being the facts as to pay the prediction is likely to be a correct one.

The State House of Representatives will have a splendid presiding officer. Without intending any disparagement of either of his opponents for the caucus nomination, in our opinion a better selection could not have been made. Mr. Graham will preside with ability, and with courtesy to every member of the house.

The War Department has spent fifteen thousand dollars in employing detectives to work up the Brownsville "shooting up" affair. This is exactly half of Senator Foraker's salary for one term; and but for him this expense would not have been necessary. He ought to refund the Government out of some of his Standard Oil money.

Newbern has covered herself with glory. Her people by an almost unanimous vote in the election on Tuesday endorsed the proposition to issue fifty thousand dollars of bonds for street improvements. Only twenty-five votes were cast against it. We congratulate our friends of the Elm City.

The blind tiger must be roaming pretty freely in the forests of Buncombe county. Monday's Asheville Citizen contains accounts of three cases of liquor selling, one that of a regular peddler, who wagons the stuff over from Henderson county.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—It is certain that President-elect Taft has started out with the hope of breaking the Solid South. His every move recently seems to have been made with this end in view. For this reason it is pretty certain that the South will receive more consideration at the hands of the national government than it usually receives from a Republican administration. Of course, this kind of thing will be appreciated by the South but that is quite different from saying it will enable the Republican party to carry a single Southern State.—Winston Sentinel.

—With the railroads of the South practically assured of no further molestation from the "anti-corporationist," and with the promise of wider encouragement to railroad development, the opportunities which will come in the way of the Southland in the year 1909 will be many. We appear to have well learned a lesson to the effect that the prosperity of the section lying south of the Mason-Dixon line has much to do with railroads, and the cry of the disturber and demagogue is being drowned in the universal demand for increased railroad facilities.—Asheville Citizen.

—Almost the entire North Carolina bar will oppose and rightly so the endorsement of Judge Adams for the bench. If Mr. Roosevelt appoints him his appointment will be held up in the Senate. And why should it not be? His appointment would only be a reward for political service to his party in the recent election which in itself has been greatly overestimated. However the real objection to Adams is non-political in its nature. Throughout the State especially in the Fifth district where the is known there is no faith in his judicial fitness, besides there is but little consideration for his legal attainments.—High Point Enterprise.

—"Without indulging in prophecy, but rather attempting a legitimate calculation based upon the progress which has been made along the lines of protection and resultant extravagance during the last twenty-five years to leave matters go as they are now going would find us fifty years hence the most powerful and most oppressive monarchy that the world has known, in which the free citizen has come to be merely a helpless subject, as well as the slave of a caste probably more merciless and tyrannical than any that has existed within the history of the human race. Of course the News does not believe that the American people are going to permit their power and their liberties to be thus destroyed."—Galveston News.

—The night riders now on trial at Union City, Tenn., for the murder of Captain Ranken must have realized that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to make out satisfactory alibis. They must have known that in the multitude of witnesses there would be some who would break down, and that the breaking down of a few would throw discredit upon the whole defense. Several of the witnesses have confessed that under pressure of relatives and friends of the accused men they committed perjury, and other anti-alibi evidence of so positive a character has been forthcoming that it looks as if the jury would have to disregard the claim that all of the defendants were home and abed on the night the murder was committed.—Savannah News.

—The Montgomery Advertiser says of the visit of the Congressional Committee to Panama: "And what good may be expected from this junket? is a question that many will ask in vain. The average congressman knows no more about canal digging than he does about the fourth dimension, and it would be folly to expect any real benefit or any information of value to come from what may be regarded as something of a holiday frolic. They will be entertained, feasted and pampered while there, and will doubtless find everything fixed to create a good impression. If it were really necessary to send a committee of experts to Panama we might admit that it would be the right thing for the government to pay the expenses of the trip, but we think it idle to expect that any good will result from this junket, to the government or the canal project.

TWINKLINGS.

—She—Can't cook meat, but I can make angel food. He—How nice. And we'll live in one of my air castles.—Kansas City Journal.

—"What is the height of your ambition?" "Don't know exactly. About 5 feet 3, I should say at a guess."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

—Caller—So your cook has passed away to a better place? Hostess—Yes, but I don't know if she'll stay; poor Bridget was very hard to suit.—Boston Traveler.

—"Well, Pat, after a year at the automobile school, I suppose you understand everything?" "All but one thing sir." "What's that?" "What makes the thing go without horses?"—Life.

—The Shade (of health-food crank, absently)—Say, old man, how's the water in Hades? Charon (smilingly)—Oh, you can rest assured that all you receive will be boiled.—Puck.

—Marie—I think Chollie is a delightful dancer; he's so light on his feet! Lillian—When you're better acquainted with Chollie you'll discover that he's light at both ends!—Town and Country.

—"The railroad President who used to be so fond of fishing never touches a rod now." "Why not?" "He is so much afraid of being taken up for the re-bating on his hook."—Baltimore American.

—"I'm glad Charley has worked out a new system for playing the races," said young Miss Torkins. "Do you think it will win?" "No, but it will vary the conversation when he comes to explaining how he lost his money."—Washington Star.

—"Please, mum, there's a candidate in the front yard wants to kiss the baby." "Tell him there is no baby," directed Mrs. De Style. "And, Hortense!" "Yes, me lady." "Don't you dare let the horrid creature kiss Fido."—Puck.

—"But, doctor," asked the young practitioner, "why do you always order champagne for every new patient that comes to you?" "Because, my boy," replied the wise old medical man, "I can judge by what he says whether or not he can afford it. That helps when I come to make out my bill."—Philadelphia Press.

CAUSES A MUDDLE.

Negroes Squabble as to Who Shall Entertain Mr. Taft.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 5.—When President-elect Taft accepted the invitation to visit Atlanta the middle of this month a committee of leading negroes obtained from the Chamber of Commerce permission to entertain the distinguished visitor for one evening. Now there has arisen a tumultuous controversy between two factions of Atlanta's colored population as to where and under whose auspices Mr. Taft shall speak to them. The Chamber of Commerce designated Big Bethel church, which was suggested by the factions headed by Bishop Gaines. So hot has the conflict grown between Bishop Gaines and the faction headed by H. T. Johnson, which wants Judge Taft to speak at the Tabernacle church, that it appears today that a third faction has sprung up. It is understood that this new combination will ask the Chamber of Commerce to select some other place than either Big Bethel or the Tabernacle for the meeting. Failing in this it is stated the third party will ask Judge Taft not to speak to the negroes at all.

President Helps Orphans.

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Saving a Fortune.

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When I was at Cinnamon that enterprising town was 120 miles from any railroad and a hard place to get away from. It was a desirable place to leave, since the population was composed of gamblers, cutthroats, dispensers of alcoholic drinks, miners and storekeepers, mentioned in order of importance. The only respectable family in the place was that of George Jones, who kept a general store, and as he was the only man who never sold anything on trust all the money gradually found its way into his coffers. It was like washing gold. The dirt was constantly shaken up among the citizens, the metal sinking to the bottom of Jones' pan.

Every one knew that Jones was gathering a snug sum and that he wished to take it and his children to a respectable place. Every one was waiting for him to make the attempt, relying on the road agents when he did so to relieve him of the funds while on the route and start them again in circulation. Furthermore, the road agents were waiting to carry out this praiseworthy object.

One day a red flag apeared at Jones' store, and it was anounced that he would sell the remnant of his stock at auction. He sold on sixty days' credit, letting it be known that when the notes fell due and were collected he proposed to leave Cinnamon with his family and his fortune. There was not a thousand dollars' worth of goods left, and these Jones sold to anybody who wanted anything on his credit plan. Everybody wanted goods so easily obtainable, and Jones in a few hours exchanged the stuff for notes.

While Jones was thus giving credit for money credit was due Mrs. Jones for being a very shrewd woman. A week before the falling due of the notes she issued invitations for a "suarry," to which every one in town, including gamblers and road agents, was invited, to celebrate the departure of the Jones family on the day after the said notes fell due. Her husband, generous man, made it known that if any of the debtors found it inconvenient to pay up at maturity the matter would be left open for a reasonable time. These two propositions enhanced the popularity of the Jones family, and the cutthroats got their horses and their guns ready to return the family fortune to circulation.

I had clerked for Jones and was ready to do anything in the world for him, but he didn't trust me till the last minute, though he told me to be ready on short notice to go somewhere with him. I was not included in Mrs. Jones' invitations for her "suarry," which surprised me. I had a room opposite the Jones house, and the night the party came off I watched the throng go in and knew by the gradually increasing sounds coming from within that the guests were getting cheerful. By 11 o'clock most of them were drunk, the worst element being laid out on the floor where they had sunk in their exuberance of spirits. I could see through the windows Jones opening champagne, his wife serving eatables and the children carrying the luxuries to the guests. Then I saw Jones himself, drunk as a lord, pledging his guests, while his wife took up the corkscrew, which he was no longer able to wield.

I had been told to remain in my room ready for orders, and at midnight I saw Jones emerge from his house and come across the street, and, walking straight as an infantry sergeant, he headed for me. When he came under my window he called to me softly. I went down, and, taking me through the back door and the yard, he stopped before a two horse team standing on the street beyond. Jones told me to get in and take the reins. I did so, and as we drove off he strapped a brace of pistols around his waist and laid two more at my feet at the bottom of the wagon. On the outskirts of the town we stopped for a minute at a house while Jones lifted into the buggy a box containing $80,000 in gold.

We had the best team of horses in that region, and they did good service. Of course we didn't know whether we had been betrayed by some one who had got wind of the trick, though Jones had taken no one into his confidence. Anyway every now and then we pulled in and listened for footfalls. Considering what he had at stake, Jones was pretty cool.

On the start I drove pretty fast, but Jones concluded that we had better save the horses as much as possible, and I soon slowed down. We made thirty miles without stopping except for water and another ten before giving the horses a feed. Then we breakfasted ourselves and gave the team a two hours' rest. And so we went on by easier and easier stages till we reached the railroad. Jones boarded a train, and I drove leisurely back to Cinnamon.

I found the town perfectly quiet, but despondent. Jones had got away with all the money there was in it, and the prospect was not attractive. Nobody asked me about where I had been, for everybody knew. Mrs. Jones was the only one interested. She said that none of the agents awoke before 10 o'clock the day after the "suarry," and it was not evident to them before noon that they had been tricked. It was then too late to make chase.

On the day the notes fell due—none of them were paid—I drove Mrs. Jones and her children to the railroad. At the station I found a letter from Jones asking me to meet him at Frisco and become his partner in business.

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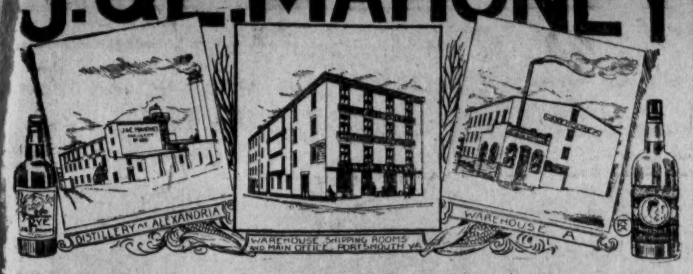

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HOW SHE WON SUCCESS ON THE STAGE.

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Heloise Garnier was playing with a Parisian dramatic company at Geneva. Mlle. Garnier was by no means the leading woman. Indeed, her part was lady's maid, and all she had to say during the performance was, "I think the count very handsome." Nor was Mlle. Garnier pretty nor distinguished looking. Indeed, she was a very ordinary girl of twenty, though it must be confessed a very good one.

On the last night that the company performed at Geneva Mlle. Garnier was surprised at receiving a card on which was engraved the name "Caspar Pearson." There was also written in pencil, "I shall esteem it a favor if Mlle. Garnier will permit me to thank her in person for the pleasure she has given me."

Not only was mademoiselle, but the rest of the company, astonished. None of the principal actresses had received such a compliment. Mlle. Garnier at once became an important personage in their eyes. Caspar Pearson was admitted behind the scenes. He appeared to be a young man of respectability. He was deferential to the lady, to whom he had taken a fancy, and after the play his father, who was in the theater, sent mademoiselle an invitation to sup at the family home.

The father, the mother and the son united in praising the young actress' bearing on the stage, the well modulated tone in which she had spoken the few lines assigned her and agreed that she should have a better part, predicting a final triumph for her in her art. Pearson pere offered to give her an introduction to his brother in Paris, who, he said, had great influence with the press and theatrical managers. When she left the house for her hotel young Pearson accompanied her in the family carriage. He asked permission to call in the morning and see her to the train.

The next morning when Caspar Pearson drove up to the hotel the eyes of every member of the company were leveled at him. He brought a large bouquet of flowers, which he begged mademoiselle to accept, informing her at the same time that his father had telegraphed to "Uncle Gaston," in Paris, who would meet her at the station, take her home to dinner and consult as to a plan for her advancement in her profession.

When they reached Paris a gentleman advanced and asked which was Mlle. Garnier, and when she was pointed out to him took her to his carriage, and they were driven to his home. During the ride he talked much about the family estate in Geneva.

"And those flowers," he said. "I would know at once they came from the gardens of our old homestead. Do you know, I laid out those gardens myself years ago."

"Please accept them," said mademoiselle, "since they are so precious to you."

Uncle Gaston formed many plans for Mlle. Garnier's pursuit of her profession. None of them ever seemed to come to a head, but the attention she had received bore fruit. The manager of the company advanced her rapidly, and it was not long before she had every opportunity. Her talents as an actress were mediocre, but she found a part that she could play admirably, and this gained her great success.

Soon after her experience in Geneva young Caspar Pearson went to Paris and called upon her. She was very grateful to him for having been the motive power in starting her upward in her profession, and after a time he began to show a great partiality for her. Uncle Gaston heard of his nephew's attentions and wrote his brother of them. The consequence was a visit to Paris of the youngster's father and a violent scene between father and son in presence of the actress, the father threatening to disinherit the son unless he gave up his love. The son then threatened to denounce his father and his uncle for some offense he did not state, and consent was finally reluctantly given.

Mlle. Garnier, now Mme. Pearson, continued to act under her former name. It was not till some time after her marriage that she reaped the full benefit of the start she had received and which she considered entirely due to the admiration her husband had conceived for her at first sight. But whenever she would give demonstrative evidence of her gratitude her husband would turn away with displeasure and beg her not to mention the subject again. One day she asked him:

"Caspar, what did you mean by threatening to denounce your father and uncle when they opposed our marriage?"

Pearson thought awhile, then said:

"I have a confession to make. Do you remember the immense bouquet I gave you the morning of your departure from Geneva?"

"Yes. It was beautiful."

"It contained $10,000 worth of watch springs."

"Watch springs?"

"Yes. The whole scheme was to make a smuggler of you. It succeeded admirably. My admiration and love for you came afterward."

"Oh, Caspar!"

"Do not condemn me till I have told you all. The duty on Geneva watch springs was very large. When at my father's death I inherited his share of the business I hunted up the entry of the profit on those you took in duty free and placed an equal sum at interest. The total I have put in a solitaire diamond for you. Here it is."

"Caspar, I forgive you."

LEAH INGERSOLL.

THE PRICE OF PEPPER.

It Helped to Change the History of the Old World.

In the sixteenth century all the pepper consumed in England was bought by the English merchants from the Dutch, who brought it from India. Owing to racial jealousy, the Dutch traders in 1599 raised the cost from 3 shillings to 6 shillings per pound. This petty display of ill feeling caused considerable annoyance to the English merchants and aroused in them that feeling of independence which has always been so characteristic of our race.

They determined to import their pepper direct from India in their own ships and for this purpose formed a company, called the Governor and Company of Merchants of London Trading to the East Indies, which in latter days became eventually known as the East India company.

Their first voyages embroiled them in almost innumerable quarrels with the Dutch and Portuguese, and for a time the venture proved a financial failure. It was not until 1615 that the company became successful and obtained lucrative treaties, owing to their decisively defeating the Portuguese.

From this time on their possessions gradually increased, slowly at first and then very rapidly, until, by the wise and beneficial management of such men as Clive, Warren Hastings and Cornwallis, they exercised sovereignty over the greater portion of India.

In this manner it happened that an increase in the price of pepper momentously affected the history of mankind.—London Standard.

DIVISIONS OF TIME.

The Planet Venus Has Neither Days, Months Nor Years.

Though the fundamental division of time, the day, appears intuitive to most persons, it is well to remember that in the arctic regions the marking of this division is by no means easy. During several successive months the sun is either always below or always above the horizon, and the only method—a very uncertain one—of distinguishing between day and night is to observe the times of high and low tide. Division of time into months comes from the motions of the moon. Malays, Polynesians and Australian aborigines reckon time exclusively by months and days.

That greater unit of time, the year, characterized by the regular succession of the seasons, has presented the greatest difficulties to exact determination, partly because the seasons are not sharply distinguished in some regions, partly because of the universal desire to establish among the year, month and day simple relations which find no support in the facts of astronomy.

Inhabitants of Venus, if there are any, must find it extremely difficult to establish units of time. Venus always turns the same face toward the sun, so the planet has no day, and the lack of a moon deprives it of a month. Finally, it has no year, for its axis of rotation is perpendicular to the plane of its orbit and the latter is almost circular.—Chicago News.

Tea as a Panacea.

In its early days in England a wide range of curative virtues was claimed for tea. In the Mercurius Politicus of Sept. 30, 1658, appears a marvelous advertisement extolling the virtues of "that excellent and by all physicians approved China drink called teha and tay alias tee." And there is in the British museum a broad sheet issued by the founder of Garraway's in which its "particular virtues" are displayed at length. Among many other things, it "helpeth the headache, removeth the obstructions of the spleen, cleareth the sight and purifieth adult humors and a hot liver. It prevents and cures agues, surfeits and fevers, prevents consumptions, is good for colds, dropsies and scurvies and expelleth infection." No wonder that it "hath been sold for £10 the pound weight."—Westminster Gazette.

Smart.

Slick (to Blossom)—Is this Mr Bloomer's office? Blossom—No. His office is on the other side of the passage. Slick (leaving the door open as he walks out)—Thank you, sir. Blossom—Hey! Come back and close that door! Haven't you any doors in your house? Slick—Yes, sir, but they all have springs on 'em. Allow me to show you, sir, my patent double back action door spring. It closes the door without a bang and will last a lifetime.

Discriminating.

"Of course," the British tourist was saying, "I understand that the winning party at your elections is the one that gets out the most voters."

"Not at all," replied the native. "It's the party that puts in the most votes."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Good Turns.

"De Writer was telling me he expected Crittick of the Morning Bugle to do his book a good turn."

"Yes? Well, he seems to have given it two or three good turns. He roasted it pretty thoroughly."—Exchange.

Setting Him Right.

The poet was busy at his desk.

"The fire of genius is burning, eh?" queried the casual caller.

"Not so you can notice it," replied the rhymester. "That's my cigar you smell."—Chicago News.

For a man to exert his powers in doing good so far as he can is a most glorious task.—Sophocles.

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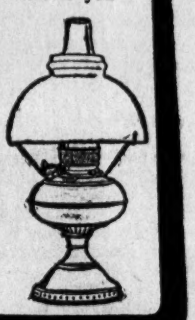

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WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C. Jan. 7, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Wednesday, Jan. 6:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 56 degrees; 8 P. M. 56 degrees; maximum 67 degrees; minimum 55 degrees; mean 61 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, .88 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Wednesday at 8 A. M. 10 feet.

The Cold Wave.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—The cold wave is persistent in the Northwest and this morning it covers the entire northern and central portions of the country between the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachians. It will overspread the East and South tonight to the Atlantic and the Gulf and it will be still colder in the interior. The cold wave will maintain its severe character and will continue over the eastern half of the country until about the end of the present week, although there will be some moderation in the Central West by Friday or Saturday. The line of zero temperature will probably extend into northern extreme West Virginia by Friday morning and freezing temperature may be expected in northern Florida Thursday morning and as far South as the twenty sixth parallel on Friday morning. The weather will be generally fair except along the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains where there will be snow for a day or two.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair with a cold wave Thursday and Friday.

Port Calendar—Jan. 7.

Sun Rises.....7:10 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:04 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 51 min.
High water at Southport 8:52 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 10:54 P. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mrs. E. I. Brown is spending the week in Southport on a visit.

—Mr. Tom Newkirk, of Kerr, was in the city yesterday on business and was calling on relatives.

—Geo. R. Ward, Esq., of Duplin, is in the city on legal business for a few days.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Bunting, who spent the holidays in Birmingham visiting relatives, have returned home.

—Mrs. John H. LeGwin went to Newbern yesterday, where she will attend the McSorley-Bateman marriage.

—Mr. J. Wesley White has returned to the city after spending the holidays with friends in the western part of the State.

—Messrs. W. B. Davis, of Raleigh; A. L. McDonald, of Raleigh, and Dr. T. C. Johnson, of Lumberton, were registered at The Orton yesterday.

—W. H. Pope, Esq., counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line at Fayetteville, spent yesterday in the city on legal business.

—Mr. James Stevenson Hooper has returned from a business and pleasure trip of two weeks during the holidays to Asheville, High Point and other places up the State.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The regular monthly meeting of the North Carolina Sorosis will be held in the club room this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The executive committee will meet at 3:45 o'clock.

—The schooner William Thomas Moore, Captain Bell, cleared yesterday from Little River, S. C., for New York with a cargo of 300,000 feet of lumber, valued at $6,000; cargo and vessel by Hammer Lumber Company.

—Mr. Russell Wood last night at his home, No. 407 Walnut street, delightfully entertained eighteen young people at a card party. His guests were delightfully entertained and all voted him a most agreeable host.

—Mr. H. G. Smallbones, superintendent at Wilmington, has been advised that the Clyde Line will transport free of charge any consignments for the earthquake sufferers in Italy, from either Wilmington, Charleston, Brunswick or Jacksonville.

—Dr. Russell Bellamy, who returned last evening from the home of his uncle in Brunswick county, states that the condition of Mr. George H. Bellamy is much better and that he now seems to be on the road to recovery. This will be most welcome news to the many friends of the ex-Senator in Wilmington and elsewhere throughout the State.

—By deed filed for record yesterday Moses Randall and wife transferred to B. O. Stone, for $200, property on east side of Eighth, 156 feet north of Meares street, 30x150 feet in size. By another deed, also filed yesterday, W. S. Harrell and wife transferred to B. R. Simmons, for $500, three hundred acres of land in Cape Fear township between the C. F. & Y. V. railroad and the Cape Fear river, at the head of Spring branch.

Fine Christmas Entertainment.

Christmas exercises by the Sunday School of the Christian Advent church Sixth and Church streets, last evening were well attended and the entertainment, which consisted of a musical programme and recitations by the children, was carried out splendidly. The church was appropriately decorated and a large number of useful presents were distributed.

Buoy Tender Cypress in Port.

The United States Buoy Tender Cypress arrived in port late yesterday evening on one of her regular trips of supply for the lights and buoys of the Cape Fear. She tied up last night at the Custom House wharf and will likely get out early this morning.

LOCAL PORT AFFAIRS

(Continued From First Page.)

Charles H. Wolsey, which discharged part cargo at Southport and re-loaded, the Board fully sustained the Commissioners in their decision that the vessel was liable for pilotage both inward and outward. The clerk was instructed to notify Mr. F. J. Hinckley, of Bath, Me., of this record, the pilot in the case having been J. F. Arnold, and the decision of the Commisioners having been strictly in accordance with the published regulations.

Commissioner Guthrie reported to the board that pilot boat "Isabel" official No. 2, had been sold, and he requested in behalf of the owners of pilot boat "Hermann Oelrich" that No. 2 be given to this boat instead of No. 12, which was originally allotted. The clerk was instructed to make the desired change.

The term of office of Port Wardens E. D. Williams, Louis H. Skinner and W. N. Harriss having expired, their names were put in nomination and they were unanimously re-elected for another year.

Commissioner Guthrie was requested to investigate a chart, kindly furnished by Captain Burriss, with reference to a new channel near the bar, showing twelve feet at low tide, which is not laid down on the regular charts.

In this connection Commissioners Guthrie and Dosher took occasion to compliment the bar and river pilots for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which they are piloting vessels consigned to this port.

Reports of soundings for the months of November and December were accepted. The December report shows from soundings taken at high water, with rise of tide about four feet, least and greatest depths as follows: From bar to Buoy No 1, 26 and 28 feet; Buoy No. 1 to Buoy No. 3, 28 and 30 feet; Buoy No. 3 to Buoy No. 2, 28 1-2 and 29 1-2 feet; Buoy No. 2 to Buoy No. 4, 26 and 28 feet; Buoy No. 4 to Buoy No. 4 1-2, 27 1-2 and 32 feet.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

MOCK TRIAL THIS EVENING

Unique Entertainment Under Auspices of Y. M. C. A. at Academy.

This evening at the Academy of Music before Judge J. O. Carr, a well known and highly respected citizen, the city's own Honored Mayor, will be tried for the heinous crime of stealing a rooster.

Said rooster was the property and pride of Colonel Walker Taylor another well known citizen, and a man of undoubted integrity. The biped was stolen from the owners hennery, and hearsay witnesses have told Colonel Taylor that Mayor Springer was the guilty party.

As the rooster was valued as an alarm clock, although no beauty to gaze upon, Colonel Taylor deemed it his duty to complain of the theft to the proper authorities and obtain such lawful recompense as was provided in such cases. Aside from personal loss, Colonel Taylor brought suit in regard for his neighbors. He was actuated by a desire to see the hen roosts of Wilmington protected from all depredations.

The defendant in this startling case offers for his defense "conspiracy." He says that well known parties have conspired with others for the purpose of damaging his (the defendant's) character.

At the trial, which will be at the Academy of Music under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. W. N. Harriss will act as clerk, and the Mayor will be defended by Colonel A. V. Newton, of Worcester, Mass., none of the local attorneys caring to take a case involving such grave responsibility. R. W. Herring, Esq., will prosecute in the absence of Solicitor Duffy and Sheriff Harvey Cox will preserve order. Constable Savage will serve as court crier and Mr. Meares Harriss will take a verbatim report of the evidence in the case of an appeal. The witnesses summoned are Messrs. H. G. Fennell, Joseph W. Little, F. G. Harriss, Dr. Joseph Akerman and J. G. Boney. The following jurors have been summoned to pass upon the case: W. C. Yarborough, K. W. Price, W. B. Cooper, W. H. Sprunt, Dr. J. H. Dreher, Dr. J. W. Stanly, J. N. North, W. E. Perdew, W. W. Koch, Geo. Honnett, O. L. Browne and H. M. Foard.

Admission 50c; reserved seats at the Y. M. C. A. without extra charge.

CHILDREN'S RALLY.

Special Sermon by Evangelist Coombs on Saturday Night.

The splendid series of revival meetings at the Christian church, on Dock street, under the able direction of Evangelist Coombs, whose sermons are attracting large congregations each night, is accomplishing much good in the community. An able discourse on "Christ or Moses" last evening proved one of the best of Evangelist Coomb's sermons and a fine congregation was present. The subject for tonight is, "Who Are the Saved."

A Children's rally will be held at the church next Saturday night, and a special sermon will be preached by Evangelist Coombs directed to the young people and with reference to the training of children. The public is invited to attend the services.

Meeting of the Bar Today.

The attention of members of the local bar is called to the meeting called by Chairman Eugene S. Martin to be held at the Court House today noon for the purpose of considering a communication from the Sampson county bar relative to the courts of the Fifth Judicial District. The Sampson bar asks the local bar to send a committee of three to a meeting or representatives of all the bars in the district at Warsaw on January 9th at which time the needed relief in the courts of all the counties will be considered together.

Pale Delicate Women and Girls. The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria and builds up the system. For grown people and children, 50c.

The Theatre

The sale of seats for "A Knight for A Day" in which Frank Deshon will appear at the Academy of Music tomorrow night, went on sale this morning and a "standing room only" audience is expected. Contrary to what would be expected from the name "A Knight for a Day" is not a laugh of the mail-coat period but a rollick principally of today, tomorrow and next day. The laugh knight is Deshon, a nervy little waiter who appropriates the knightly credentials from another. The big gaiety delighted Chicago for a year, New York for six months and Boston all the past Summer and the road attraction now is being most enthusiastically received.

Change of Programme at Crystal.

With the matinee this afternoon ,the Crystal Palace will present an entire change of programme in which the Edinger Sisters and Chas. V. Clark, the popular harpist, will star as before. Among the selections on the harp will be "The Palms." McCarthy and Barth will be seen in a new and laughable comedy sketch and Lee Edmunds will have a bushel of new jokes and comic ditties.

L'Arlesienne.

The new film at the Bijou this afternoon and evening will depict the story of L'Arlesienne, as written by the famous French writer, Alfonse Daudet, and will be artistically acted by a clever company of artists, who lay the pathetic little story before the spectators, closely following every detail as put forth by the author to make it a most powerful drama.

Matinee and Night.

The Academy will make a popular offering Saturday matinee and night in the well known melo-dramatic production, "The Princess of Patches." By special arrangements prices have been reduced to 25 and 50 cents for matinee and night only up to 75c. Seats for the night performance will go on sale tomorrow morning.

EXPERIMENT SUCCESSFUL

Pipe Line Connection for Steamers of the Fire Department.

An eminently satisfactory test of the pipe line connection for steamers of the Fire Department from the city docks, as recently proposed by Chairman French to the Board of Aldermen, was made yesterday afternoon at foot of Market street with the big steamer William A. French, Jr., with Chief Engineer T. B. Jackson at "the wheel." The idea is to obviate the neccessity of placing the heavy steamers on the dilapidated docks of the city to pump from the river in case of fire and this seems to be fully met by the pipe line connection hit upon by Chairman French, Chief Schnibben, Engineer Jackson and others who have been studying the problem lately. The experiment line, an eight-inch iron pipe, has been extended a foot and a half below low water mark in the river, under the wharf to the street, where connection with the engine is made just as it stands in the street.

The line at foot of Market street was just completed yesterday by Engineer John H. Sweeney, of the Clarendon Water Works, and Engineer Jackson, of the department, at a cost of about $75. The big engine through a siamese or three-in-one hose, threw water through the pipe line and lines of hose more than a hundred feet in the air, the test having been pronounced successful in every way by Chairman French, the Mayor and hundreds of spectators who were attracted to the scene. It is proposed to install these connections at each of the city docks, for reasons which will appeal readily to those who have seen the time lost with men and apparatus in getting the steamers on the docks at a fire and the danger of the loss of the machine itself in case of a general conflagration.

THE CITY'S OFFER TENDERED

Clarendon Waterwork Company Formally Offered $140,000 For Plant.

Messrs. Bolles and Ellis, of the special waterworks committee of the Board of Aldermen, yesterday afternoon called at the office of the Clarendon Waterworks Company and verbally tendered to Superintendent Robertson the authorized offer of $140,000 to the company for its plant. A copy of the resolution by the Aldermen Monday night authorizing the offer was read and Superintendent Robertson stated that he would lay the matter before his board of Directors and would let the committee hear later. Captain Robertson stated last night that he would this morning advise Captain John F. Divine, president of the company, of the tender of the offer by the city and that a meeting of the stockholders of the company would probably be held not later than tomorrow. He could give no intimation of whether or not the offer would be accepted and it is fair to assume that this is an open question. If this effort does not succeed, arbitration as provided in the contract, it would seem, would be the only hope of the parties to the negotiation ever getting together and after all, this means of arriving at the value of the plant seems to be growing in popularity if the present negotiations fail.

The purchasers of the bonds were yesterday notified by telegraph that all the forms and conditions had been complied with and it is expected that the blank form of the bonds will be here in a few days. They will be signed, placed in bank and a draft drawn upon the purchasers for the amount due the city from the proceeds of the sale.

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MILLINERY—All trimmed hats marked down to one-half. Ready-to-wear hats greatly reduced, and all shapes at about one-half price.

Cloaks and Furs—Now is the time to save money. This is a great opportunity to purchase desirable merchandise at wonderfully low prices.

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"THE ETERNAL QUESTION."

(With Apologies to Mother Goose.)

This is the Plant that The Clarendon built.
This is the Water that lays in the Plant that The Clarendon built.
This is the Pump that moves the Water that lays in the Plant that The Clarendon built.
This is the Chump, that runs the Pump, that moves the Water, that lays in the Plant that The Clarendon built.
This is the Supt. that bosses the Chump, that runs the Pump, that moves the Water, that lays in the Plant that The Clarendon built.
These are the Owners, shaven and shorn, that pay the Supt., that bosses the Chump, that runs the Pump, that moves the Water, that lays in the Plant that The Clarendon built.
These are the Aldermen, all forlorn, that fuss with the Owners, shaven and shorn, that pay the Supt., that bosses the Chump, that runs the Pump, that moves the Water, that lays in the Plant that The Clarendon built.
These are the Offers, ripped-up and torn, made by the Aldermen, all forlorn, that fuss with the Owners, shaven and shorn, that pay the Supt., that bosses the Chump, that runs the Pump, that moves the Water, that lays in the Plant that The Clarendon built.
This is the Public, tired and worn; who almost wish they'd ne'er been born, and are mad at the Offers, ripped-up and torn, made by the Aldermen, all forlorn, that fuss with the Owners, shaven and shorn, that pay the Supt., that bosses the Chump, that runs the Pump, that moves the Water, that lays in the Plant that The Clarendon built.

This is a Bottle of Good Old Corn,
I'm going to drink both night and morn,
Until we have an end to the yarn,
'Bout the Plant that The Clarendon built * * * * * * * *

IN THE MAYOR'S COURT.

Williams Claimed He Had Whiskey Before Prohibition—Trial Today.

Due to the recent enactment of the prohibition law in this city, cases of drunkenness in the police court are of unusual interest, the second defendant on this charge since the new year being Lige Williams, a white man, who was tried for drunkenness and disorderly conduct yesterday. Williams admitted that he had been drinking and it was alleged that he assaulted Joseph Everitt near Front and Dock streets. He declared to the court that he purchased the whiskey he had been drinking before the prohibition law became effective, and the Mayor fined him $5 and taxed him with the costs.

Charges of assault alleged to have occurred last Sunday night on Market street in which four Greeks were participants will be tried today by the Mayor.

Annual Meeting Dorcas Society.

The annual meeting and reception of the Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Luther Memorial Building. All members are cordially invited to be present.

MOTHERS

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Boys' Rain Coats, just arrived, 1909 style. Neat dark grey patterns, beautiful coat, price.....$5.00

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Men's and Boys' Clothing, a full line, come and see ours before you buy. We can save your money.

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EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Arrival of American Ships Flying Red Cross Emblem Greeted With Profound Thanks by The Italian Sufferers.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Rome, Jan. 6.—Ambassador Griscom will leave here tomorrow for Messina to meet the American squadron, which is expected to arrive there on Saturday under Rear Admiral Sperry on the flagship Connecticut.

The steamer Bayern, the American relief ship flying the Red Cross emblem, will sail for Messina tomorrow. This steamer with its great cargo of supplies will be able to take care of thousands of sufferers. There are three surgeons aboard and 50 nurses of whom three are American and three English; $58,000 has been spent for the medical outfit, provisions and clothes for distribution ashore. There is an immense supply of the necessaries of life aboard for men, women and children, particular attention having been paid to food for little ones. In the past 48 hours $15,000 has been spent in Rome and $10,000 in Genoa for clothing alone.

There are also medical supplies sufficient for the establishment of three complete camp hospitals ashore. Those in charge of the expedition have $20,000 in small bills for careful distribution.

Word received here from Naples says that hoodlums during the night ran through various quarters of the city crying "earthquake," "earthquake." Their cries aroused thousands of people who rushed out of their homes, thus giving thieves an opportunity to work. The frightened population gathered in the squares and crowded the churches. Some of them took crucifixes and images of Saints and carried them through the streets in procession and amid wailing and weeping.

Signor Bertolini, minister of public works, who is now in Reggio, has telegraphed to Premier Giolitti that the people there are beginning to be more calm and for that reason there is no present need for steamers for the transportation of refugees. The minister adds that efforts should now be directed toward the ending of a great quantity of wood and other building material for the construction of huts along the Sicilian and Calabrian coasts.

A list of 19 places in Reggio province is published as having suffered the greatest damage from the earthquake.

The generosity of the American people in coming to the aid of the earthquake sufferers is the predominating feature which is now attracting attention here. The feeling of gratefulness extends from the King down to the most lowly subject. In accepting in behalf of the Italian Nation, the ship which the American people, through the Red Cross, fitted up to mitigate the distress of the sufferers in the South, the King said to Ambassador Griscom:

"Our people will be delighted to hear of this mark of international humanitarianism and will follow with the keenest interest the work of mercy which will be performed by the Bayern."

The King further informed the American ambassador that he had just read with the greatest appreciation a telegram notifying the Government of the appropriation of $800,000 in behalf of the victims.

Sigor Tittoni, the foreign minister, said: "Never before on any occasion has occurred such a demonstration of sympathy as that of America. It includes all classes and conditions from the President to the humblest citizen. Nothing could more tightly bind together the two countries, or render their friendship closer."

Count Tavera, the president of the Italian Red Cross declared that the offerings coming from America were unprecedented as also was his devoting a small portion of the funds received from the United States in behalf of the relief ship chartered by the Rome American committee.

Colored People to Organize.

At a rally at Shiloh Baptist church Wednesday evening, attended by representative colored people of this city, it was unanimously decided to organize an Afro-American Law Enforcement league and to assist in making the organization a success, the colored pastors of the city are requested to make special reference to the matter in their churches Sunday morning and evening.

JUDGE SPEER IS REVERSED

Restraining Coast Line and Other Roads From Advancing Rates.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New Orleans, Jan. 6.—A decision of vast importance to the South and Southwest because it affects the question of an increase freight rates on practically all the railroads in these sections ,was handed down here today by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, reversing the decree of Judge Emory Speer, of the Southern district of Georgia, which restrained the defendant railroad from putting the proposed increased freight tariffs into effect.

The decision was in the case of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and others, appellants, against the Macon Grocery Company, appellee.

The opinion was by Judge McCormick, Judge Pardee concurring. Judge Shelby dissented.

It is expected that an appeal will be taken to the United States Supreme Court by the shipping interests although the question of the proposed increase in rates is at present before the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

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THE PANAMA TREATIES

Three Treaties Fixing Status of New Republic Made Between Panama Columbia and United States. The Bosses Announced.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 6.—The basis of treaties concluded between the United States and Colombia and Panama for the settlement of pending questions arising out of the separation of the territory which now forms the Republic of Panama from Colombia were today announced with authority.

The treaty between Colombia and Panama will provide for a payment of $2,500,000 American gold by Panama to Colombia as a settlement of $15,000,000 of foreign debt contracted by Colombia while Panama was a part of that country. This payment is to be made by Panama assigning to Colombia ten annual payments of $250,000 each, which the United States, by treaty, is to pay to Panama in consideration of concessions for the building of the Isthmian canal. According to the treaty between the United States and Panama these payments were to begin in 1912, but by the pending treaty arrangements they will commence from 1908, which will permit the turning over at once of two installments amounting to $500,000 to Colombia.

The terms of the treaties recognize the independence of Panama, and the two countries are to resume diplomatic and commercial relations. They also fix the boundary lines between Colombia and Panama, a circumstance which is of especial interest to the United States, as it affects the canal zone.

The three treaties will be signed as soon as their engrossment is completed. One of them will be between the United States and Colombia, the second between the United States and Panama and the third between Colombia and Panama.

THORNTON HAINS.

Still Under Cross-Examination—Evidence to Close Saturday.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 6.—For over six hours today District Attorney Darrin kept Thornton J. Hains under a ceaseless fire of searching cross-examination, and while the defendant frequently admitted that he could not remember some of the minor details, the main essentials of his direct testimony remained unshaken. Hains told the court that he had been ill yesterday, which he declared caused him to be forgetful. He was still under the prosecutor's fire when adjournment came.

Thornton Hains testified that because of admonitions of his parents he kept his brother under constant surveillance, fearing he might do some insane thing. District Attorney Darrin by ingenious interrogations, led and drove by turns the defendant to admit that when Annis' boat was nearing the float he told Captain Hains that he was going home and left the army officer standing on the dock showing every evidence of mental disturbance. Hains said he had walked about 30 or 40 feet toward the club house and when he turned around, Captain Hains had disappeared. The shooting followed within a few seconds on the float below the dock.

Justice Crane informed counsel for both sides that they must have their evidence in by next Saturday night.

Thornton Hains denied that at a dinner with Captain Hains and his wife over a year ago he had complained bitterly of Annis because his manuscripts had been refused.

Thornton Hains was asked if he had not told Mr. Libby, father of Mrs. Claudia Hains, at Fort Hamilton, that Annis had been instrumental in turning down his stories and that some day he would kill him.

"It's absurd. If I killed everyone who turned down my stories I would have to have a private graveyard," snapped the witness.

BARBEE IN JAIL AGAIN.

Re-Arrested as Alleged Murderer of Engineer J. A. Holt.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—While Reuben Barbee, a citizen of Durham county, stood as an idle spectator in the Superior court of that county today, a sensation was created by the grand jury filing in and presented a true bill against him, charging him with the murder of Engineer J. A. Holt, who was assassinated on his cab on the Southern Railway at Durham early in December, by a man standing under the coal chute with shot gun in hand.

The sheriff was ordered by the court to take Barbee in custody and he is now in jail.

Barbee was arrested a few days after the murder but after a preliminary hearing before Mayor P. C. Graham, he was discharged.

RIVERS AND HARBORS.

No Bill at Present Session But Some Improvements.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 6.—There will be no general rivers and harbors bill at the present session of Congress but there will be some legislation for waterway improvements. This is the indication resulting from a meeting today of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors. The inclination of the members is to provide only for such projects as must be taken care of in order to insure the carrying on of the work which is of an urgent character.

Stricken with heart disease while talking with a friend, Judge Frank Dodd, 58 years old, of Stafford county, Virginia, died suddenly yesterday morning in the lobby of Congress Hall Hotel, at Washington, D. C.

Seats now selling for "A Knight for a Day." **

A PEDDLER'S JOKE.

It Had a Sharp Turn That Took All the Fun Out of It.

One day a peddler of tinware stopped at a country house in New England and, leaving his horse and wagon at the gate, went to the door, where a big woman with a rather pleasant face met him. He told her what he had for sale and succeeded in disposing of half a dozen articles to her. Then she said that she had not money enough to buy more.

"Well, ma'am," said the peddler, "I'll take rags if you have any."

"I have none to sell," answered the woman.

The peddler saw at least a dozen children, all small, about the house and the yard, and he suddenly thought of a joke that he might play on the woman.

"You seem to have plenty of children," he said. "Maybe you might sell me one of them and take the pay in tinware."

"What will you give?" said the woman.

"I'll give $10," said the man, "all in the best tinware."

"Well, sir," said the woman, "it's a bargain; take your pick of the lot."

The peddler was surprised that his joke was working so well, but he kept a very serious face, and, selecting a very bright looking little fellow of six years, he took him up and put him on the seat of the wagon and then gave the woman $10 worth of such articles as she wanted.

Never doubting that the mother would repent of her bargain and give him, to redeem the boy, $10 in money the minute she saw him starting off, he climbed up on the seat, touched up his horse and drove off. He drove very slowly, however, for he expected every second to hear the woman call him back, for how could he think for a moment that a mother would sell her child for a lot of tinware?

But she did not call him back, much to his amazement, while, as for the boy, he was in high glee, for he was going to have a drive. Presently the peddler, fearing that the joke had been turned on him, drove back to the gate. Lifting the disappointed little fellow down from the wagon, he went with him to the door, where he found that the woman had just finished arranging her new tins nicely on her shelves.

"I think the boy will not do, after all," said the peddler, "and you had better take him back and let me have my tins."

"No, sir!" cried the woman. "A bargain's a bargain, and you must stick to it!"

"Why, ma'am," said the man, "surely you wouldn't sell your little son for a lot of tinware?"

"Oh," answered the woman, "I have no children, mister. The boys and girls you see here are pauper children, and as you seem to be a good sort of man I'll sell you as many of 'em as you want for $10 apiece."

The peddler stared at her for a minute in speechless amazement, and then, turning suddenly toward his wagon, he drove away as fast as his horse could take him.

But he left his tins behind him.—Pittsburg Press.

His Modest Request.

Your regular "professional" tramp has a sharp tongue and is not slow to use it when occasion arises.

A farmer's wife had curtly refused the usual request for a night's lodging from a gentleman of this fraternity.

"Well, then, ma'am," said the tramp, "would you mind if I slept in that big meadow there behind your barn?"

"No," said the woman in a magnanimous tone, "you may sleep there if you like."

"One thing more, ma'am," said the tramp, "before I say good night. Will you please have me called at 4 sharp? I want to catch the cattle train to market."—San Francisco Chronicle.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers in The Morning Star, especially those using yearly contracts, are earnestly requested in future to furnish us with copy for their changes for the Sunday edition certainly not later than Saturday at one o'clock. Where large space is used, copy for changes should be furnished not later than Friday afternoon, this not only for the convenience of the office but because in handing in early copy, patrons receive a more artistic display of their announcements and fare much better as to position in the paper on the day that the advertisement appears. The Star would very much dislike to make any arbitrary ruling as to the lateness which advertisements would be received in change of copy, but the tendency with so many advertisers recently has been to put off the matter until the latest moment Saturdays and Saturday nights that it has been impossible to give them the care and attention which patrons have a right to expect and several times changes have had to be deferred altogether. We believe that this notice will be sufficient with most advertisers to assist us in the present dilemma of an overrun of changes on Saturday, especially at night.

A Horrible Hold-Up.

"About ten years ago my brother was "held up" in his work, health and happiness by what was believed to be hopeless Consumption," writes W. R. Lipscomb, of Washington, N. C. "He took all kinds of remedies and treatment from several doctors, but found no help till he used Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles. He is a well man today." It's quick to relieve and the surest cure for weak or sour lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Ahthma and all Bronchial affections. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

NEW ENGLAND WITCHES.

A Small Record Compared With That of Other Countries.

Yankees have so long and so loudly confessed their ancestral sins that the facts in the case are little known. So much is said about Salem that the execution of witches in Pennsylvania is overlooked. The scant score of persons hanged for witchcraft in New England causes more comment than the many thousands legally burned for that crime in Europe.

In all New England, according to Nathaniel Hawthorne, nineteen persons were executed as witches. One more was accused of the crime and for refusal to plead was pressed to death, after the custom of the day.

The facts concerning the widespread belief in witchcraft and the enormous number of witches killed may be found in any encyclopedia. Haydn's Dictionary of Dates says: "More than 100,000 perished, mostly by the flames, in Germany." Chambers' Encyclopedia says: "In England and Scotland the witch mania was somewhat later in setting in than on the continent, but when it did so it was little if at all less virulent, the reformation notwithstanding." "The number of victims in Scotland from first to last has been estimated at upward of 4,000." Dr. Sprenger in his "Life of Mohammed" computes the entire number of persons who have been burned as witches during the Christian epoch at 9,000,000.

Witchcraft persecutions in New England took place in 1692. They were all done in six months. In England they continued till well into the next century. In 1863 a reputed wizard was drowned in a pond at Hedingham, in Essex. Says Chambers, "It was considered worthy of notice that nearly all the sixty or seventy persons concerned in the outrage were of the small tradesmen class, none of the agricultural laborers being mixed up in the affair."—Springfield Republican.

A Book She Wouldn't Read.

"There is one book of Mr. Stevenson's that I myself have never read," said Mrs. Stevenson once. "I refused to read it and held to my refusal. I make it a rule never to read a novel the scene of which is laid in a bygone age. The author always deems it his duty to make his characters talk in what he considers the language of that period, and I am always sure that he doesn't know positively how they did talk, so I won't read such books. I would never read the 'Black Arrow,' and Mr. Stevenson thought it such a good joke that he insisted upon dedicating it to me."

Her Goodness.

Bridey—My wife is a very good cook. Wise—Get out! Her mother told me she was just taking her first lessons when you married her. Bridey—Exactly. She was good enough not to continue her lessons on me.—Philadelphia Press.

Mixed.

Mrs. Browne—She's forever complaining, but I think she merely lacks stamina. Mrs. Malaprop—Oh, no; she's got it; at any rate, that's what the doctor calls her disease. She can't sleep, you know.—Exchange.

Willing to Take Chances.

The Man—I'd give anything if you would kiss me. The Maid—But the scientists say that kisses breed disease. The Man—Oh, never mind that. Go ahead and make me an invalid for life.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Doesn't Always Follow.

Because some men get over a fence safely with a loaded gun it is not always safe to assume that they won't examine a mule's heels to settle a bet.—Washington Post.

The Difference.

Upgardson—Doesn't Weerius bore you nearly to death? He talks like a phonograph. Atom—Not at all. When a phonograph runs down it stops.—Chicago Tribune.

Nights of Unrest

No Sleep, No Rest, No Peace for the Sufferer From Kidney Troubles.

No peace for the kidney sufferer—
Pain and distress from morn to night.
Get up with a lame back,
Twinges of backache bother you all day,
Dull aching breaks your rest at night,
Urinary disorders add to your misery.
Get at the cause—cure the kidneys.
Doan's Kidney Pills will work the cure.
They're for the kidneys only—
Have made great cures in Wilmington.

Mrs. Laura E. Hand, 809 Ann Street, Wilmington, N. C., says: "I am willing to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as I used them and they did me a world of good. I suffered from dull nagging backaches and such severe pains across by loins that I was kept from sleeping at night. The kidney secretions also caused me trouble, being very irregular in action and painful in passage. When I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, I got a box from Robert R. Bellamy's drug store and they did me more good than anything I had ever taken. The backache ceased, the kidneys became regular in action and I could go to bed and obtain a full night's rest, arising in the morning feeling refreshed."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name — Doan's — and take no other.

RATIFY THE ACTION

Directors of Southern Life Approve of Columbia Plan.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 6.—The directors of the Southern Life Insurance Company met here today and ratified the action taken by the commission of Southern Life in conjunction with the stockholders of the Seminole Securities Company at the recent meeting in Columbia.

—Asheville Citizen: An unknown man entered the house of Richard Green, 16 Ralph street, early this morning by forcing the dining room windows and made his way to the room of Mr. Green's daughter,. Here he attempted to use chloroform on the sleeping girl. She was aroused and her cries brought Green to the scene. The man made his escape through the front door. Soon after the same man, it is believed, forced his way into the house of Logan Smith, Green's son-in-law, and attempted to choloform Smith's niece. She was aroused and the man, after vainly trying to suppress her screams, left the house. Some one tried to force an entrance in the house of N. S. Parris, who lives near the depot, but was unsuccessful. It was reported that another house in the same neighborhood was entered. It is believed that the motive was robbery. A description of the would-be burglar was furnished the police and up to an early hour he was still at large.

—Concord Times: We return our sincere thanks to Prof. S. J. Ludwig and his mother, of Mt. Pleasant, for a box of fine pecans, which they raised themselves at their home. They make as fine a lot as we ever saw, and show clearly that pecans can be successfully raised here.

EVERY HOUR OF THE DAY.

J. Frank Jarman, the reliable Druggist of 107 Princess street, Wilmington, N. C., is having calls for "HINDIPO," the new Kidney Cure and Nerve Tonic that they are selling under a positive guarantee.

Its merits are becoming the talk of the town and everybody wants to try it, and why not? It costs nothing if it don't do you good—not one cent.

They don't want your money if it does not benefit you, and will cheerfully refund the money. Try it today.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

WANTED—Two first-class barbers at once, Orton Hotel, Wilmington, N. C. Address T. E. Skipper. ja 7-2t*

LOST—Between Nutt and Front streets, or between Front and Market streets, a lady's silver pocketbook, containing $3 in bills and a small green purse. Finder will please leave at 318 North Fifth street. ja 7-1t

A NICE HIGH GRADE PIANO for sale cheap, by party fixing to move away. Address "Student" care of Star and give street and number. ja 6-1t*

DOG LOST—Black and tan, answers to name of "Rex." Reward given if returned to J. H. Rehder, Eighth and Market streets. ja 6-3t.

ELEGANT Station Wagon, silver-trimmed harness, very gentle family horse, must be sold quick. Will sell separate if desired. Apply Davis stables. ja 6-3t.

FOR SALE—Four pool tables and set of mahogany bar fixtures. Right price for cash purchaser. Can see articles at 114 North Front street, Starkey's old stand. jan 5 3t

FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. M. Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. dec 11 4w

TO MY FRIENDS—I have opened at No. 16 North Second street, a wholesale and retail commission business. Consignments of chickens, eggs and all country produce handled, highest market prices and prompt returns. C. B. Bellois, Wilmington, N. C. jan. 3 1m

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25 tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

FOR SALS—A 7 room house, lot 33 by 165, house in good condition and one of the best built in the city, good cistern water at No. 713 South Third street. Cheap for cash. jan 5 tf

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT—By investing in attractive real estate. We have fine building sites on Carolina Place, St. James' Square and elsewhere and improved property on Market street. Smith & Lord, Real Estate & Insurance, 114 Princess street, 'phone 766. ja 1-tf

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

PHOTOGRAPHS and enlargements of every description, done in an artistic and permanent manner. The U. C. Ellis Studio. de 31-tf.

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

LOST—White bull dog, long tail and ears. Answers to the name of "Jack." Reward of $2 will be paid for its return to No. 10 South Fifth street. jan 5 3t

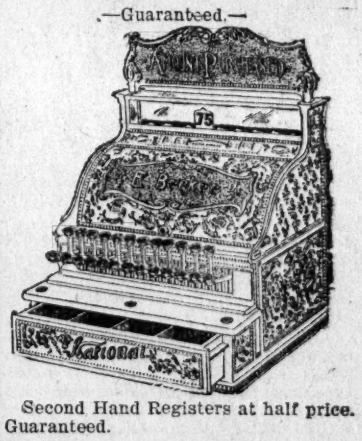
THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co. aug 30 tf

FOR SALE AT BARGAIN—Seven handsome pictures, each a work of a master. Five of them oil paintings (one large), once property of Col. F. W. Kerchner. Can be seen upon application to J. E. Pool at Crystal Palace. jan 3 3t*

Just Think of It!

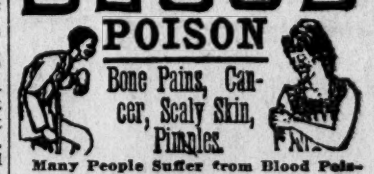
A NEW
NATIONAL
CASH REGISTER
For Only
$15.00
—Guaranteed.—



Second Hand Registers at half price. Guaranteed.

The National Cash Register Co.
23 Garrell Building,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
jan 6 1m

BLOOD POISON



Many People Suffer from Blood Poison and don't know it. Read Symptoms. Easily cured by B. B. B.

For twenty-five years Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.), has been curing yearly thousands of sufferers from Primary, Secondary or Tertiary Blood Poison, and all forms of Blood and Skin Diseases. We solicit the most obstinate cases If you have aches and pains in Bones, Back or Joints, Mucus Patches in mouth, Sore Throat, Pimples, Copper-Colored Spots, Ulcers on any part of the body, Hair or Eyebrows falling out, Itching, watery blisters or open humors, Risings or pimples of Eczema, take B. B. B. It kills the poison, makes the blood pure and rich, completely changing the entire body into a clean, healthy condition, healing every sore and stopping all aches, pains and itching.

BOTANIC BLOOD BALM (B B. B.) is pleasant and safe to take; composed of pure Botanic ingredients. It purifies and enriches the blood. SAMPLE SENT FREE by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. DRUGGISTS, or by express, $1 PER BOTTLE, with directions for home cure.

TO MY FRIENDS,

I have combined my interest with that of The Wilmington Grocery Company, where, with a large, well selected stock of high grade and staple groceries, I will be better prepared to serve my customers than ever before.

With grateful appreciation for the liberal patronage of the past, I respectfully solicit the continued support of my customers in the future.

J. HARGROVE TAYLOR,
At The Wilmington Grocery Company
ja 3-tf.

BURRETT H. STEPHENS
Architect
and Consulting Engineer
406 Southern Building.
dec 1

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Fayetteville Observer: The Gray and Blue Companies, forming the F. I. L. I. battalion, will attend the inauguration of Governor Kitchin, at Raleigh on January 12th.

—Greensboro Telegram: The factory of the Gate City Furniture Manufacturing Company started up yesterday after having been closed down since last Summer. In about ten days the full complement of about ninety employes will be at work.

—Concord Times: Mr. J. Locke Erwin, formerly of Oxford, the manager of the Locke cotton mills, arrived in the city yesterday to arrange for starting up the mills at once. They have been closed down since the sale was confirmed, preparatory to the change of management.

—Blue Ridge Breeze: During the last year the North Carolina Granite Corporation of Mount Airy shipped 2,006 car loads of stone which was decidedly the largest shipment of any previous year. The prospect for the coming year is said to be very encouraging and the output of the quarry will no doubt be increased.

—Wilson Times: While there were several unimportant cases before Mayor Moore this morning there was one of more than passing interest, that of two negroes, Fenner Moore and Ernest Bullock, who according to their admission, opened the front door of Mr. Doane Herring's drug store with a dummy key some time during Saturday night and extracted $90 from the cash register and also took a lot of chewing gum.

—Salisbury, Jan. 5.—Ex-Congressman John S. Henderson, of Salisbury, one or the receivers of the Whitney Reduction Company, owners of the big electric power plant being developed at Whitney, Stanly county, states that there are brighter days ahead for the company. It is expected by the receivers that the finances of the concern will be gotten into good shape within a few weeks and that the plant, costing nearly $10,000,000, will be in operation before the end of 1909.

—Mrs. O. C. Norment has a lemon bush three years old that has borne three large lemons this winter. It is known as the Ponderosa, or American Wonder, and it is rightly named, for it is certainly huge. The tree had seven lemons on it when it first blossomed in the Spring, but all but three fell off. Mrs. Norment has loaned The Robeson office one of these "Wonders" and it is well worth looking at if you want to see what can be done in the way of raising lemons in Lumberton.

—Fayetteville, Jan. 5.—Ad Tindall, a young white man of this county, was found lying by the road about three miles south of Fayetteville yesterday with his head split open. After he had been carried to a hospital in this city and regained his power of speech, Tindall declared that he had been assaulted by Luke Moore, a young man living near Fayetteville, with whom he became involved in a drunken quarrel while out hunting, when Moore clubbed him with his gun and felled his companion. The assailant has not been yet taken but probably will be later.

—Greensboro Telegram: Tonight in New York a meeting of the bondholders of the Whitney Power Company will be held to consider plans for reorganization. Greensboro is interested in the meeting owing to the fact that many feel that Whitney electric power would be better for this place than that of the Southern Power Company. The Narrows of the Yadkin are only 55 miles away while the Southern Power Company's power would have to be brought a distance of nearly three times that great.

—Washington Messenger: May Woolard, the murderess, now in the Washington hospital, is rapidly recovering. The slayer of Stone, it is said, is now repentant, and says that love for her victim was the reason for her act, but if she "had it to go over again, she wouldn't do it." The woman will probably be given a preliminary hearing this week. It is said that her recovery will be complete in a few days. The jury trial will most likely be at the Superior court sitting in February. She has to be guarded at all times to prevent her taking her own life. Intent upon suicide, she calmly told an attendant: "If I had a pistol I would put it right here," placing a hand over her heart.

—Durham, Jan. 5.—A remarkable family reunion Saturday of the I. S. Upchurch family, commemorating his 84th birthday, which actually occurred December 31, formed a history that never has been made public. Mr. Upchurch was the father of thirteen children, eleven of whom live and ten of whom were present. There were 49 of the 49 grandchildren and 14 of the 21 great grand-children present. Of the 106 nearest relatives, 84 were present and the dinner carried by every relative was spread upon a table of lumber sawed 50 years ago. Mr. Upchurch has been married 57 years. In that time among all his descendants there have been but seven deaths. He enjoys fine health and the chances for 100 are good.

—Beaufort, Jan. 5.—At the meeting of the directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, held here today, a semi-annual dividend of 1 1-2 per cent was declared. The new building here for the storing and preservation of the records of the railroad, having been completed, was examined by the directors and accepted. A resolution was adopted by the directors allowing the experts appointed to examine and report on the physical condition of the road an extension of 20 days, in which to file report, with positive provision that no further extension of time is to be made. The experts were to have reported at last meeting of the directors, but owing to a disagreement among the experts the report was not ready. An extension then was allowed, which period of extension expired today.

A Child of Nature.

[Original.]

"There's a man in the front office looking for some property in Boonton county. Perhaps we can sell him the Gardner tract. You go in and talk it up at what you think you might get out of him, then call me and ask what I think about selling at the price you give. I'll ask if you're crazy to part with such a property at the figure, and we'll have a sham battle over it. I'll go out mad, and you sell the property because you're mad too. See?"

"Good scheme. We'll try it on."

Dobson of Dobson & Cram went into the front office, where he found a young man who in his innocence admitted that his father had recently died and left him $10,000 and a small farm. His purpose was to sell the farm and buy a larger tract somewhere which was liable to improve in value.

"I've got just the thing you want," said Dobson, taking out a beautifully drawn map. "There's 800 acres of it, which we can sell you at $100 an acre. This will leave you a couple of thousand for improvements besides your farm. There's only one trouble about my selling it to you. My partner is dead set upon our taking it ourselves. I would be in favor of it, too, but we've got so much now we can't pay the taxes."

The young farmer studied the map deliberately and after he had finished said he would go and look at the property. Dobson touched a bell. An office boy entered and was directed to call Mr. Cram. The junior partner came in and was informed by Mr. Dobson that he had offered the farmer the Gardner tract at $100 an acre, whereupon a violent quarrel ensued, at the end of which Mr. Cram left the room in a huff, threatening to enjoin his partner from making the sale. Dobson was so angry that he vowed the trade should be made before Cram had a chance to interfere.

The young man took the hook and paid two ten-dollar bills to bind the bargain. Before he left the office he had drawn a check on his bank for $8,000 and had a deed for 800 acres of swamp and hill land, the latter covered with a second growth of worthless timber.

"Goodby, Mr. Dobson," he said at parting. "I shan't forget your effort in my behalf, and I hope it won't get you into trouble with Mr. Cram."

He had no sooner gone than the two partners were congratulating each other on the sale.

"Shake, old man," said Dobson. "You played your part beautifully."

"But you landed him. He's as innocent as a kitten."

Two years passed during which neither Dobson nor Cram heard anything of the Gardner tract or its purchaser, when one day Cram said to Dobson: "The young man we scooped with that swamp and timber land in Boonton county is in the other room and wants to see you. Look out for him. Some one may have put him up to getting even. The law can't touch us, but he may have some game to play."

"Trust me for games."

Dobson went in where the young man was waiting, with outstretched hand and eyes beaming with kindliness.

"Mr. Dobson," said the youngster, "that property has turned out better than was expected. There's coal on it."

"Good!" exclaimed Dobson, slapping the boy on the back. Inwardly he said, "Why didn't you say gold or diamonds?"

"Yes; they say it's the finest anthracite in the state."

"Splendid!" Another slap on the back.

"I'm indebted for my good luck to you. Do you remember how you sold me the property before your partner could interfere?"

"Yes; I remember that."

"Well, one good turn deserves another. I've got an offer of $250,000 for the property from a coal company. I feel that I shouldn't keep all this good luck to myself, seeing that you were so kind to me. I'll divide. I'll sell to you for half, $125,000, and turn you over the coal company's written offer, good for thirty days."

"My dear fellow," said Dobson, striving to maintain a countenance that would not betray his seeing through the stupendous game, "you are the very soul of honor. I'll speak to Cram about it."

Going to Cram's office, he shut the door and as soon as he could control his laughter told him how the young farmer was trying to pay them in their own coin. After a pretended consultation he returned to the boy and said:

"That partner of mine will be my ruin. Do you know, he's so mad about my selling the property to you that he won't consent to my having anything to do with the matter, and our partnership forbids any purchase unless both consent. I'm awfully sorry. There's a gentleman waiting to see me."

There was a coolness in the last words, a steely look in the eyes, that was not lost on the youngster. He went away, not in anger, but in sorrow, and thinking what a despicable man Mr. Cram was.

A few days later Mr. Cram rushed into his partner's office with a newspaper in his hand.

"Great Scot, Dobson! What's this? 'Big find in coal. Sale of a tract in Boonton county. A young farmer made rich.'"

He went on to read that the story told them by the grateful boy was true and that they had thrown away a fortune. EDWARD B. KIMBALL.

Plant Wood's Seeds For The Garden & Farm.

Thirty years in business, with a steadily increasing trade every year—until we have to-day one of the largest businesses in seeds in this country—is the best of evidence as to

The Superior Quality of Wood's Seeds.

We are headquarters for

Grass and Clover Seeds, Seed Potatoes, Seed Oats, Cow Peas, Soja Beans and all Farm Seeds.

Wood's Descriptive Catalog the most useful and valuable of Garden and Farm seed Catalogs mailed free on request.

T. W. WOOD & SONS, Seedsmen, - Richmond, Va.

Bread and Cakes

Made fresh daily.
Only very best material used in our cakes.
Try them.

E. WARREN & SON
Bakery Department.
Phone 376.
jan 5 tf

Academy of Music

Saturday Jan 9th.
MATINEE AND NIGHT.
BIG SCENIC PRODUCTION.

"Princess of Patches"

Matinee Prices—25 and 50 cents.
Night Prices—25, 50 and 75 cents.
Seats on sale Friday.
jan 6 7 9

1,000 BAGS RICE
All Grades.

100 bags Coffee.
200 barrels Mullets.
Complete line of Groceries.
Prices and samples sent on application.

Samuel Bear, Sr., & Sons
18 Market Street,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
de 24-tf.

QUICK, NEAT AND SUBSTANTIAL REPAIRING
on all kinds of carriages and wagons can be relied upon when done at my shops, at prices that cannot fail to be considered remarkably low in view of the high quality of work. Our workmen are all of high skill, and we give that attention to details which is the best criterion of good work, doing all that is necessary and slighting none.

J. O. BROWN.
jan 5 tf

WE HAVE
The Prettiest Assortment of
BRASS GOODS
Consisting of
FIRE FENDERS
FIRE SETS
and
ANDIRONS
Ever shown in this city.
Also a nice assortment of
ANDIRONS IN BERLIN BLACK
Prices to suit everybody.

J.W. Murchison & Co
HARDWARE.
nov 15 tf

SMOKE
Cuban Blossom
CIGARS!
WHY ?
Because It is the Best Cigar for the Money.
H. L. VOLLERS
Wholesale Grocer.

OUR "PURR-PUSS"

in advertising is to draw your attention to the wonderful Shoe bargains we are offering in stylish footwear for men, women and children. Here are the latest lasts and the finest and most flexible leathers. These shoes are models of ease and elegance, and their low prices virtually put them within the reach of all. Come in and see them.

HEWLETT & PRICE
"WE FIT THE FEET."
109 Market Street.
In All Leathers.
jan 6 tf

DON'T DRESS IN THE COLD

BUT A GAS HEATER.
THE GAS COMPANY HAS THEM.

FUN! FUN!! FUN!!!

Let no innocent man escape.

At the great Mock Court Trial under the auspices of the Young Men'h Christian Association, in the Academy of Music, on Thursday evening, January 7th.

One of our most respected citizens will be charged with the larceny of a PLYMOUTH ROCK ROOSTER. Regular Court Rules. Startling Developments. Ludicrous Situations. Local Hits. An evening of Refined Fun.

Prices, 50 cents.

Tickets on sale at Y. M. C. A. Office January 5th.

Open at 7:30. Court called at 8.
de 29-31 ja 2-3-5-6-7.

Dressed Turkeys, Geese, And Chickens.

Fresh Eggs, Butter, Sliced Hams Raw or Boiled. Breakfast Bacon, Bologna Liver Pudding, Souce, German Metwurst, Genuine all Pork Sausage, Country Pig Pork, The finest Beef, VEAL, LAMB and Mutton to be found in the CITY. POLITE ATTENTION and QUICK DELIVERY OUR MOTTO.

HOPKINS & DAVIS
FOUR STALLS, FRONT STREET MARKET. PHONES 141 and 128
dec 12 tf

REMOVAL

Ed. Guion, the Barber, has removed to 121 Market street, where he will be pleased to see all of his old customers and many new ones.

GUION, The Barber.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect, Saturday, October 18, 1908

TO

THE BEACH

FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00 4:30:, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 11:00 P. M.

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WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:20 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30 11:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON

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TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO

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SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:35, *9:15 10:10, 11:10 A. M., *12:15, 12:40 *1:35, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10 5:40, 6:10, 7:10 8:1 , 9:40, 10:45 11:45 P. M.

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Lv. Wilmington	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:53 p
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	2:45 pm

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Ar Philadelphia	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	3:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:35 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	5:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon	9:59 pm	1:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	3:55 pm
Ar Wilson	11:47 pm	4:58 pm
Ar Goldsboro	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:25 am	6:10 pm

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Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
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Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n.	6:20 pm	2:10 am	2:54 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

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	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb't'n	7:11 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 6.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, steady, 37 3-4.

ROSIN—Market, nothing doing. barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, firm $1.75.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market, firm $1.75 per barrel for hard; $2.75 for dip and $2.75 for virgni.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin quiet $2.70; tar, nothing doing; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	30
Rosin	177
Tar	117
Crude Turpentine	87

Receipts, same day last year 46 casks spirits turpentine; 352 barrels rosin; 63 barrels tar; 49 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 3-4 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 10 13-15c.

Receipts—936 bales, same day last year 2,0.5 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, January 2nd.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish 90@95c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr. flint, 9; green, dull 7c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 12c.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c for small pork.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 6.—With the exception of a slight reaction during the middle of the day the cotton market ruled generally steady and the close was firm at a net advance of 1 to 9 points. Sales were estimated at 225,000 bales.

The market opened steady at a decline of 1 point to an advance of 3 points and during the early session sold about 3 to 8 points net higher on buying of near months by large spot interests, purchases here against sales in Liverpool and scattered covering. After the close of Liverpool the demand here became less active, and prices eased off to within a couple of points of last night's closing, but the market rallied with trading in the last hour the most active of the day and prices selling above the best point of the morning on the National Ginners' report stating that 200,000 bales less had been ginned during the period of December 13th to January 1st than during the same period last year and that the indicated crop was a little under 12,873,000 bales. The market closed within a point or two of the top on the more active months.

Receipts at the ports today were 47,308 bales, against 39,950 last week and 46,803 last year; for the week 240,000 bales, against 290,762 last week and 303,943 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 15,264 bales, against 12,442 last year and at Houston 13,868 bales against 16,952 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 9.25; middling gulf 9.50; sales 600 bales.

Futures opened steady and closed firm.

Month.	Open.	Close.
January	8.91-94	8.94
February	8.90	8.97
March	8.91	9.02
April	8.90	8.98
May	8.95	9.02
June	8.93	8.97
July	8.91	8.95
Augusta	8.80	8.87
September	8.80	8.68
October	8.66	8.66
November	——	8.64
December	——	8.64

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Steady, 9; net receipts 19,442; stock 158,583.

New Orleans—Quiet, 8 7-8; net receipts 15,264; stock 356,721.

Mobile—Steady, 8 15-16; net receipts 952; stock 77,296.

Savannah—Steady, 8 3-4; net receipts 3,072; stock 158,379.

Charleston—Quiet, 8 3-4; net receipts 62; stock 18,054.

Wilmington—Quiet, 8 3-4; net receipts 936; stock 17,674.

Norfolk—Easy, 9; net receipts 2,645; stock 30,348.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9 1-8; stock 28,078.

New York—Quiet, 9.25; net receipts 95; stock 188,168.

Boston—Quiet, 9.25; net receipts 200.

Philadelphia—Steady, 9.50; stock 1,754.

Brunswick—Stock 4,737.

Texas City—Net receipts 4,551.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 89.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 47,308; Great Britain 35,484; France 2,159; Continent 1,200; Mexico 200; stock 1,039,792.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 161,168; Great Britain 87,953; France 16,146; Continent 43,539; Japan 300; Mexico 200.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 6,510,341; Great Britain 2,044,185; France 641,767; Continent 2,015,745; Japan 77,639; Mexico 4,303.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Houston—Steady, 9; net receipts 13,868; stock 152,531.

Augusta—Steady, 9 1-4; net receipts 638; stock 101,680.

Memphis—Steady, 9 1-16; net receipts 2,105; stock 194,153.

St. Louis—Steady, 9 1-8; net receipts 614; stock 42,902.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 589; stock 18,614.

Louisville—Firm 9 1-8.

Little Rock—Quiet, 8 1-2; net receipts 791; stock 45,590.

Total today—Net receipts 18,605; gross receipts 23,945; shipments 25,251; sales 7,504; stock 555,470.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Jan. 6.—Cotton: Spot good business lower, prices 6 points lower to 3 points higher. American middling 5.61; good middling 5.25; middling 5.00; low middling 4.83; good ordinary 4.23; ordinary 3.92.

The sales of the day were 15,000 bales of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 13,900 American.

Receipts 15,000 bales including 7,000 American. Futures opened barely steady and closed quiet: January 4.84-1-2; January and February 4.82; February and March 4.80 1-2; March and April 4.80; April and May 4.79 1-2; May and June, June and July 4.79; July and August 4.78; August and September 4.69; September and October 4.64; October and November 4.60 1-2; November and December 4.58 1-2; December and January 4.58; January and February 4.58 1-2.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 6.—The dry goods jobbers have begun to do a much better trade in dress goods, wash goods, and staple prints. Sales to China during the past few days have amounted to 8,000 bales of sheetings, principally. Printers are buying print cloths freely. In underwear and hosiery prices are very low and some business is now being booked for fall on staple fabrics. For quick shipment of satin faced silks the demand is strong.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 6.—The stock market had apparently disposed of the disturbing effect of the collapse in Consolidated Gas before the day's session at the stock exchange had proceeded far. This factor had no more than lost its influence when a drop in New York Central intervened to give a fresh start to the nerves of speculative holders of stocks. The reaction in New York Central was based, like that in Consolidated Gas, on previous excessive speculation, although not carried to such length as had been that in the gas stock, nor was the news which caused the speculators to feel misgivings so definite or so abrupt as that offered by the Supreme Court decision in the gas case. The unfavorable influence on New York Central price emanated from the board room of the directors o fthe company where the action in electing W. C. Brown president of the railroad was interpreted as belying the supposition that E. H. Harriman was to assume an active place on the directory and place a man of his own choice in the management of the system.

Heavy speculative liquidation was resumed when the break in New York Central occurred. The bears had sold freely on account of the collapse in Consolidated Gas and when that stock showed signs today of having reached the limits of its drastic process of liquidation a large short interest remained to be covered. This was especially notable in American Smelting and the buoyant rise in that stock gave assurance of relief from one of the most serious of recently disturbing factors.

The money market continued to work easier. Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were $6,766,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today were 1,049,100 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 6.—Money on call easier 1 3-4 to 2 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 2 1-4, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1-4. Time loans dull and steady; sixty and ninety days 2 3-4 to 3 per cent., six months 3 1-4 to 3 1-2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 3 3-4 to 4 per cent.; sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8505 to .15 for sixty day bills and at 4.8695 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 3-4 to 7-8. Bar silver 50 5-8. Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	103
U. S. refunding 2s cou	103
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg	119 1-2
U. S. 4s cou	120 1-2
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s	107
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	95 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	100 1-2
L. & N. Unified 4s	100 1-4
Seaboard Air Line 4s offd	67
Southern Railway 5s	106
U. S. Steel 5s	102 1-8

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	83
Amr. Car & Foundry	48 3-4
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	107 1-2@110
Amr. Cotton Oil Co	42
Amr. Locomotive	56 1-4
Amr. Smelting & Ref	84 7-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	103 1-2
Amr. Sugar Refining	127
Amr. Tobacco pfd	92
Atchison	100
Atchison pfd	101
Atlantic Coast Line	108 1-8
Baltimore & Ohio	110 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio	54 3-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	148
Colorado & Southern	59 1-4
Erie	33 1-4
Erie 1st pfd	49
Erie 2nd pfd	38 3-4
Great Northern pfd	145
Kansas City Southern	39 3-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	69 1-2
L. & N.	123 1-2
Norfolk & Western	85
Northern Pacific	140 1-4
Pennsylvania	132 3-4
People's Gas	106 1-2
Reading	139 1-4
Rock Island Co	23 3-4
Rock Island Co. pfd	59 1-4
Southern Pacific	118 1-4
Southern Pacific pfd	120
Southern Railway	25 3-4
Southern Railway pfd	61
Standard Oil Co	680
Union Pacific	173 5-8
U. S. Steel	52
U. S. Steel pfd	112 3-4
Va.-Car. Chemical	43 1-2
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	112 1-2@115
Western Union	68
Westinghouse Electric Co	84

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 6.—Flour quiet but steady.

Rye Flour—Quiet.

Buckwheat Flouur and Cornmeal—Steady.

Buckwheat—Firm; New York State 74.

Wheat—Firm; No. 2 red 1.07 to 1.08 1-2 elevator. Options 1-8c higher. May 1.11; July 1.05 1-4.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 65 3-4 elevator. Options 1-8 to 1-4c net higher. May 68 1-4; July and Sept. 68 1-2.

Oats—Steady; mixed 54 to 54 1-2.

Lard—Firm.

Pork, Tallow and Rice—Steady.

Molasses—Quiet.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3.20.

Coffee—Spot firm; Rio No. 7, 7 to 7 1-8; Santos No. 4, 8 1-8 to 8 3-8. Mild—Dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures closed steady at a net advance of 5 to 15 points.

Butter—Steady to firm, unchanged.

Cheese—Firm; State full cream, October best 13 3-4.

Eggs—Firm; State, Pennsylvania and nearby selected white 40; do fair to choice 36 to 38; do brown and mixed fancy 34 to 36; do fair to choice 32 to 33.

Peanuts—Steady, unchanged.

Freights to Liverpool—Steady; grain by steam 1 1-2d.

Potatoes—Steady; State and Western in bulk per 180 pounds 2.25 to 2.50, foreign 1.50 to 2.05.

Cabbages—Steady, unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Barely steady with a moderate speculative trade in late months. Prime crude 31 to 31 1-4; prime summer yellow 39 to 39 3-4; off summer yellow 38 to 39; good off summer yellow 38 3-4 to 39 1-2; prime white 40 3-4 to 42; prime winter yellow 43 to 45 3-4.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Zero weather in the West and the Southwest where the fall sown crop is to a large extent unprotected by snow, had a bullish effect on the wheat here today. Early gains, however, were lost later in the day and at the close prices were 1-8c higher to 3-8c lower. Corn, oats and provisions closed firm.

	Open	High	Close
Wheat.			
May	1 08	1 08 1-8	1 07 5-8
July	99 1-8	99 1-8	98 1-2
Sept	95 5-8	95 5-8	94 5-8
Corn.			
May	61 3-8	61 5-8	61 1-2
July	61 7-8	62	61 7-8
Sept	62 1-8	62 1-8	61 7-8
Oats.			
May	51 5-8	51 3-4	51 5-8
July	46 1-4	46 1-4	46 1-4
Sept	39 1-4	39 1-4	39 1-4
Mess Pork, per bbl.			
Jan.	16 40	16 45	16 37 1-2
May	16 65	16 72 1-2	16 65
Lard, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	9 47 1-2	9 52 1-2	9 47 1-2
May	9 75	9 77 1-2	9 72 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	8 45	8 50	8 47 1-2
May	8 75	8 80	8 77 1-2

Cash quotations were as follows: No. 2 spring wheat 1.07 1-2 to 1.09. No. 3, 1.00 to 1.07 1-2; No. 2 red 1.05 3-4 to 1.06 1-2. No. 2 corn 58 1-2 to 58 3-4; No. 2 yellow 58 3-4 to 59 1-2. No. 2 white oats 51 to 51 3-4; No. 3 white 49 to 51 1-2. No. 2 rye 74 1-2. Good feeding barley 60 to 61. Fair to choice malting 62 1-2 to 65. No. 1 Northwestern flax seed 1.55 1-2. Prime timothy seed 3.95. Clover contract grades 9.35. Short ribs, sides (loose) 8.00 to 8.50. Mess pork, per bbl 16.40 to 16.50. Lard, per 100 lbs. 9.47 1-2. Short clear sides (boxed) 8.50 to 8.75.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 6.—Rosin steady. Turpentine firm.

Savannah, Jan. 6.—Turpentine firm 39 1-4 to 39 1-2; sales 179; receipts 241; shipments 125. Rosin firm; sales 3,438; receipts 2,351; shipments 1,418; stock 169,082. Quote: B D E F, 3.02 1-2; G, 3.02 1-2 to 3.05; H, 3.40; I, 4.15; K, 5.10; M, 5.80; N, 6.15; WG, 6.40; WW, 6.50.

Charleston, Jan. 6.—Spirits turpentine quiet 38 1-2. Rosin quiet. Quote: A B C D E, 2.85 to 2.90.

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Str. May Flower—6 casks spirits turpentine; 43 barrels rosin; 14 barrels tar; 15 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Lyon—45 bales cotton; 12 casks spirits turpentine; 20 barrels rosin; 22 barrels tar; 55 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—936 bales cotton; 30 casks spirits turpentine; 177 barrels rosin; 117 barrels tar; 87 barrels crude turpentine.

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Office of the Treasurer.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 28th, 1908.

The Board of Directors of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent. on the Common Capital Stock of that Company, payable at the office of the Treasurer, at Wilmington, North Carolina, on and after January 11th, 1909, to stockholders of record on the 18th day of December, 1908. The transfer books are closed from the 18th day of December, 1908, at three o'clock P. M., to the 12th day of January, 1909, at ten o'clock A. M., both dates inclusive.

JAMES F. POST,
jan 1 to 11. Treasurer.

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of Zillah Fowler, deceased, late of the County of New Hanover, this is to notify all persons owing the estate to make prompt settlement to the undersigned and all persons having claims against the estate to present same to me on or before the 9th day of December, 1909, or else this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. MRS. L. H. BURNETT.
de 10-oaw-6t. Executrix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Kate Jenkins deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of December, A. D., 1909, or this notice will be pleaded in bar to a recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make payment to the undersigned.

JAMES F. WOOLVIN,
Administrator, Kate Jenkins.
de 18-fri-6t.

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, WILmington, N. C., December 30, 1908. Sealed proposals for constructing steel draw-span highway bridge with pile and concrete foundations, on Core Creek, near Beaufort, N. C., will be received at this office until 12 o'clock, noon, standard time, January 30, 1909, and then publicly opened. Information on application. EARL I. BROWN, Capt. Engrs.
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TRAGEDY ENACTED IN CHURCH

Motive For Murder of Aged Michigan Preacher Difficult to Obtain—Went to Arrange Revival Meetings—Theories.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 6.—The dismembered body of Rev. John H. Carmicheal, a Methodist minister, was found today partially consumed by fire in the two heating stoves of one of his three churches near Columbus in the Southwestern part of St. Clair county.

Investigation was begun at once to clear away a temporary uncertainty as to the identity of the victim and to obtain clues regarding the murder and the motive for the crime. Identification of the dead clergyman was soon effected by Orville Lindsay who was sent to the church for that purpose by Mrs. Carmichael, who had been in great distress since her husband failed to return home as expected last evening, and who surmised that the minister was the victim. But clues of the murderer and his motive were more difficult to obtain. There was a rumor that a strange man had left a train at Hickey late in the afternoon and had been directed to the Columbus church and there were other rumors indicating that two men were implicated in the crime. The fact that several coins were found in the clothing of the dead man and in the ashes in the stove precluded the theory of the robbery and at the time of his death it was not known that the murdered minister had an enemy in the world.

Rev. Carmichael had been in Michigan about ten years and for two years had been pastor of the three churches at Columbus, Adair and China. With his wife and three children he resided at Adair. Leaving home yesterday morning he told Mrs. Carmichael that he was going to Columbus to arrange for a series of revival meetings there. He waved his hand affectionately to a group of children as he drove out of the village of Adair and from that moment all trace of his is lost.

Myron Brown, who lives near the scene of the tragedy was the first to discover the crime today. While he was waiting at the cross roads, to keep an appointment the cold wind drove him to seek shelter in the church. He was surprised to find the church doors unlocked and upon opening them was terrified to see the church floor, the pews and even the communion table daubed with blood and fragments of bloody clothing scattered all around. Evidently the clergyman, who was 56 years old, and of athletic build, had made a terrific struggle for his life.

Without investigating further Brown fled to his home where he had a key to the church. He returned and locked the doors and hurried to the village of Hickey, from which place he notified the Sheriff's office at Port Huron.

The authorities on their arrival at the church found parts of the dismembered body in the two stoves located respectively at the front and rear, and discovered in one stove the head of what was apparently a new hatched, the handle of which had been burned off. A dirk was also found in the church and it is believed that the dirk served for the murder while the hatchet was used to cut the body to pieces.

The minister's horse was found today tied to a tree in the village of Pine River, the dead man's overcoat being discovered in the buggy.

Pine River is a small village near Thornton on the main line of the Grand Trunk railroad, and fully twenty miles from the scene of the murder.

STATUS OF THE MARINE CORPS

Determination That it Shall be Established by This Congress.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 6.—Determined that the status of the marines shall be thoroughly considered at the present session of Congress the sub-committee of the Naval Academy and the Marine Corps of the House Committee on Naval Affairs has requested Secretary Newberry, Admiral Dewey and other naval officers to appear before it tomorrow to tell why the marines were taken off naval vessels.

The proposal has been made to the committee that a provision be incorporated in the naval appropriation bill making it necessary, in order that the money may be available for the corps, that marines be stationed on battleships, instead of being confined to land duty exclusively, as is provided for by a recent order by the President.

Evidence has been submitted to the sub-committee by officials of the marine corps to show that it will cost the Government $467,000 more to man the ships of the navy with sailors exclusively than with the sailors and marines. The officials summoned will be asked if this statement of additional cost, due to the President's recent order, is correct.

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ROOSEVELT AFRICAN HUNT

Brought Up in House—Its Discussion Causes Amusement — Postal Savings Bank Bill Discussed in Senate—Two Messages.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 6.—The postal savings bank bill was before the Senate today and many amendments were proposed to it, some of them requiring the deposit of postal savings funds in State as well as National banks. It is expected that voting on amendments and a further discussion of the measure will be resumed tomorrow.

The Senate also received two messages from the President, one recommending additional inter-State commerce legislation and the other relating to the absorption by the United States Steel Corporation of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, and passed several bills on the calendar.

At 4:11 P. M. the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The only incident worthy of note in the proceedings of the House of Representatives today and which caused a good deal of amusement was a brief discussion of the forthcoming African hunting trip of President Roosevelt. Incidentally there was a reference to the famous so-called Ananias Club.

The whole debate hinged on the newspaper story stating that Major Edgar O. Mearns, of the army, was to accompany the President and that in order to do so he had been put on the retired list with increased rank. The matter was brought up by Mr. Mann, of Illinois, in connection with the consideration of a bill authorizing the issuance of commissions to officers who retire with increased rank.

The remainder of the day was devoted to the consideration of a number of miscellaneous bills and resolutions.

At 5:18 P. M. the House adjourned.

ROOSEVELT AND THE HOUSE

Special Committee Report to be Severe Arraignment of the President.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 6.—The special committee considering the reference to Congress and the Secret Service in the President's annual message is to report to the House on Friday. It is expected that there will be considerable debate on the report of the committee, which will be presented to the House by Representative Perkins, of New York, the chairman. Representatives Tawney, of Minnesota; Smith, of Iowa, Fitzgerald, of New York, and Sherley, of Kentucky, who were referred to by the President in his special message following the action of the House in resenting the objectionable portion of the President's message, will take the opportunity to reply to the President.

Representative Griggs, of Georgia, on Monday, moved that the special message of the President be returned to the Chief Executive, but withdrew his motion on the advice of some of his Democratic colleagues. It is understood that the report of the special committee, however, will be a rebuke nearly as severe as would have been the action proposed by Mr. Griggs if it is not more so. It is said that the report of the committee will recommend either the refusal by the House to receive that portion of the President's annual message which it is claimed reflected on the House or will severely rebuke the President in some other manner.

JUDGES FIGHTING SHY

Of the Rehearing of Standard Oil Case.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Jan. 6.—The distinction of hearing the re-trial of the Standard Oil case, in which Judge Landis' fine of $29,000,000 went to pieces in the United States Appellate and Supreme Courts, went begging today. United States District Attorney Sims went before Judge Landis and announced that he wuold like to begin a new hearing of the case on Monday. Judge Landis answered that in view of his convictions in the case (fundamentally that each car load constituted a separate offense) he did not care to sit again in the case. "But," continued the court, "I'll ask Judge Bethea about it; may be he will take it." But Judge Sol H. Bethea of the district court pleaded some slight connection with the matter even before it reached Judge Landis, and asked to be excused.

"Well," Judge Landis pursued after his telephone conversation with Judge Bethea, "Judge Anderson is coming here to try a case for me soon; wait till he arrives, and we'll see what can be done."

And there the subject was allowed to rest for the present.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

Discussion of the Bill in the Senate. Proposed Amendments.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 6.—The bill to establish postal savings banks was taken up by the Senate today and read for amendments, Senator Carter in charge of the measure announcing that he would not attempt to get a vote on the bill until next week.

That State banks should be used as government depositaries for postal funds was proposed in amendments offered by Senators Smith, of Michigan; Cummins, of Iowa, and Gore of Oklahoma.

Senators McCumber, Fulton and others approved such use of State banks and declared in favor of placing such banks on an exact equality with National banks as government depositaries.

Mr. Smith's amendment proposed the acceptance by the Postmaster General of State, county, municipal or United States bonds as security.

The bill was laid aside without final action being taken on the proposed amendments, all of which will be voted on at a future day.

ATTORNEY ATTACKS THE GOVERNOR

Violent Denunciation of Night Riders' Counsel Judge to Interfere.

ACCUSED HIM OF BRIBERY

Attorney Wright Attempted to Bring Carmack Killing in the Case. Judge Upholds Tennessee's Chief Executive—Argument.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 6.—After a bitter attack on the Governor of the State and another attempt to bring the killing of former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack into the case, Rice Pierce, senior counsel for the eight alleged night riders on trial for the murder of Captain Quentin Ranken, today was reprimanded by Judge Jones.

Mr. Pierce was preparing to close his argument for the defense and was discussing the testimony of Fehringer, Hogg and Morris, night riders, who turned State's evidence. He launched into a violent denunciation of Governor Patterson.

"The Governor of the State," he said, "after sending an army into Obion county to trample on the rights of the people, to snatch honest men from their homes and bully them and abuse them, then offered a reward of $10,000 for the arrest of Ranken's murderers," said Pierce. "I do not approve of crimes. I denounce murder, whether it is a cowardly assassination on the streets of our capital or any equally cowardly murder on the banks of Reelfoot Lake. But I submit that all men are equal before the law, and the man or men who assassinated Carmack are entitled to no better treatment than those who killed Ranken.

"After filling Obion county with the army and abusing citizens, what does Patterson do, this Governor of the State? He sends for Frank Fehringer and Herschel Hogg and Wad Morris and be bribes them to perjure themselves to send honest men to the gallows."

Several times the attorney repeated this charge, and then Judge Jones said: "The court does not believe that the judiciary should permit to pass unnoticed this assault on the Chief Executive of the State. There is nothing in the testimony to sustain counsel's charges. The witnesses swore repeatedly that what Governor Patterson told them was that if they would tell the truth he would give them an unconditional pardon and see that they got out of the country. In no way is it in evidence that he offered them pardon to involve anyone in the murder."

"But," retorted Pierce, "these witnesses, or one of them at least, swore that if Patterson had not offered him the pardon, he would not have made the confession. Just what else he offered them, I do not know, but I believe I have a right to say he bribed the witnesses to perjure themselves."

"Mr. Pierce," again said the court, "these remarks are highly improper, and the court will not permit you to make them. Gentlemen of the jury, there is nothing in evidence upon which the charge against the Governor can be based."

Mr. Pierce had spoken nearly two hours when he was stopped by Judge Jones. Court adjourned a few minutes later until tomorrow, with two hours of time still to the defense's credit. The case should go to the jury on Thursday.

Juror Rossen, who is ill with measles, is being kept in the court house. A room has been fitted up for him and he is carried from it to his chair each time court opens. He has a high fever but is determined to remain on the jury till the trial ends.

TO DISSOLVE STANDARD OIL.

Further Testimony Was Taken in This Proceeding.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 6.—Testifying today in the suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company, George J. L. Wolff, Baltimore manager for the Crewe-Levick Company, said the testimony given yesterday by Bruce Robinson, a Standard witness, that the Crewe-Levick Company had offered cut prices to the Standard's customers was false. Mr. Wolff asserted the cut was made by the Eagle Oil Company, one of the concerns absorbed by the Standard. The witness said a Mr. Blaustein, who operated the Eagle Oil Company, visited the Crewe-Levick Company's customers and made proffers of silk dresses, electric fans and other presents to the wives of the oil dealers if they would induce their husbands to buy oil of the Eagle Company.

Mr. Wolff said an employee of his company who was discharged carried away a lot of books and data from the Crewe-Levick Company and was employed by Mr. Blaustein. This employe then secured a wagon from the Eagle Company, painted it in the colors usually employed by the Crewe-Levick Company and solicited trade from his former customers.

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THE CHILD LABOR QUESTION

In the South Laid Before Taft by Secretary McKelway.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 6.—The President-elect is a member of National Child Labor Law Committee and today he listened to a report on general conditions on child labor in the South from A. J. McKelway, secretary of the committee for the Southern States. McKelway has headquarters at Atlanta. It was his conclusion that the child labor laws of Southern States are pretty well adapted to conditions, but that there is laxness in their enforcement. No action on the subject is understood to be contemplated at this time.

Mr. Taft will leave Atlanta after his forthcoming visit, at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, January 16th, that he may visit the Georgia State University at Athens on his return. This decision was practically reached today as a result of a call from Judge Hamilton McWhorer, of Athens.

Mr. Taft's next speaking engagement is at the dinner of the Bar Association of Augusta, at the Bon Air Hotel, January 11th.

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